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New federal regulations to affect Chuka Chukmasi outside Oklahoma

New regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development mean the Chickasaw Nation Chuka Chukmasi home loan program is now available only to those living in Oklahoma.

Wayne Scribner, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development, said about 95 percent of Chuka Chukmasi clients live in Oklahoma and will not be affected.

New regulations will affect only those potential clients who live outside Oklahoma.

Chickasaws who live outside Oklahoma are encouraged to contact Bank2for their mortgage loan needs. Bank2, which is owned by the Chickasaw Nation, has made home loans to Native Americans in 40 states. Last year alone, the bank made about 1,000 home loans to Native Americans.

Chickasaws outside Oklahoma who qualify for home loans may still be eligible for other services offered to Chickasaws living at large.

"The good news is, Governor Anoatubby didn't want

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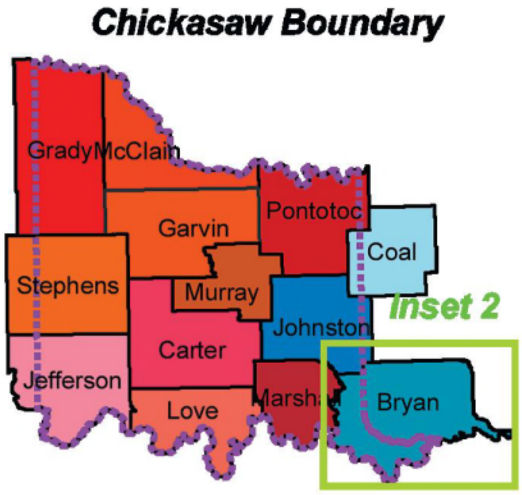
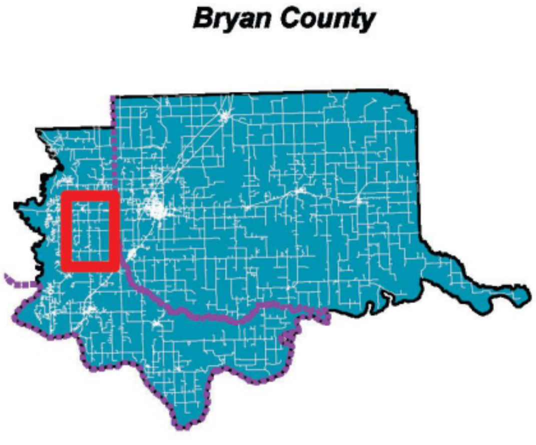
Gov. Anoatubby applies stimulus funds

Panola District road project under way





An important Panola District road project breaks ground this month following a push by Gov. Bill Anoatubby to make the project a priority.

The three-mile stretch of construction is the Leavenworth Trail project, located in Bryan County, Oklahoma. When completed, the project will connect the Platter and Achille areas of the tribe's Panola District with U.S. Highway 70. The area has a significant popu-

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Exclusive opening for Cultural Center set for June 12

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaws are invited to an exclusive one-day opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center beginning 10:30 a.m., Saturday, June 12. Opening day events will include cultural demonstrations, free meals, tours and film presentations.

"Chickasaw people have long dreamed of a special place to celebrate, embrace and share the culture and heritage which binds us together as a people," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "That dream has now become reality as we open a center which reflects the vision, imagination, resilience and spirit of the Chickasaw people."

Located on 109 acres of rolling hills, woodlands and streams adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area near Sulphur, the Chickasaw Cultural Center is the culmination of a vision born over 20 years ago. The center utilizes the latest technology, live demonstrations, ancient artifacts and natural outdoor spaces to tell the Chickasaw story.

"This fantastic facility is a wonderful addition to the wealth of cultural treasures in the Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We believe this center will enhance the value of historic gems such as the Chickasaw Historic Capitol, Chickasaw White House and Council House Museum. These icons of Chickasaw culture will always have a special place in the hearts of Chickasaw people."

Dreams of the Cultural Center became action, and plans gained momentum over time. In October 2000, more than

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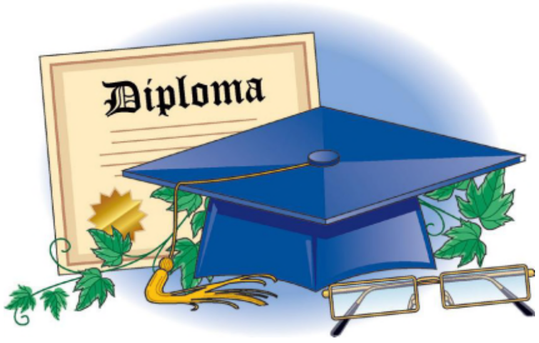

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this change to affect our citizens' eligibility for the $3,000 down payment and closing costs grant," Mr. Scribner said. "Therefore, the grant will still be available to citizens at-large."

Homeownership counseling, he said, will also continue to be available nationwide.

Changes to the Chuka Chukmasi program are a result of standards HUD issued for implementation of the Secure and Fair Enforcement Mortgage Licensing Act (SAFE Act).

The SAFE Act was passed in response to the high level of mortgage foreclosures nationally. It is designed to reduce fraud and protect consumers by establishing minimum standards for the licensing and registration of mortgage loan originators.

Nationwide, the Mortgage Bankers Association reported that more than nine percent of mortgages were delinquent for the third quarter of 2009.

While the Chuka Chukmasi program has a mortgage loan foreclosure rate of only about one percent, it will still be required to adhere to the new standards.

The Chuka Chukmasi program is affected because staff members are considered loan originators for their roles in assisting in the loan application process.

New standards include the requirement that loan originators must have offices each state in which they originate loans. To comply with the Act, states must put in place a Loan Originator Licensing program that requires originators to take an education course, pass a test, and undergo civil, criminal and financial background checks. States have until July 31 to have their loan originators licensed under the SAFE Act criteria.

New regulations will not affect Chuka Chukmasi clients living in Oklahoma, even if they live outside the Chickasaw Nation jurisdictional boundaries. Chickasaws and Chickasaw Nation employees in the State of Oklahoma should continue to call the Division of Housing, Counseling and Loan Services Department for home loans and refinances in Oklahoma.

Chuka Chukmasi staff members will meet the education and licensing criteria for loan originators in Oklahoma.

For information, call (580) 421-8880.

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Nation Home Loan Grants for At-Large citizens

This program offers a one-time grant of up to $3,000 per household to assist with down payment or closing costs for home loans.

Applicants must be able to meet all loan qualifications.

Eligibility requirements include the following.

- Chickasaw citizenship card.
- Must live in the continental United States.
- Must be approved for a home loan.
- Loan must be for primary residence.

For information, call (580) 421-8880.

Tribally-owned Bank2 offers Native American Home Loan Program

Bank2 is one of the nation's leading Native American home lenders. Bank2 has made home loans to Native Americans in 40 states. Last year alone, the bank made about 1,000 home loans to Native Americans.

For information about the Bank2 home loan program for Native Americans, contact David Biggers at (405) 949-7000, or e-mail MortgageDepartment@bank2online.com.

Applications may be made online at www.bank2online.com

LEAVENWORTH TRAIL PROJECT

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby reviews the Panola District Leavenworth Trail road project details with Housing and Tribal Development administrator Wayne Scribner, right, and tribal Roads Program director Bo Ellis. The Panola District project will provide safe and timely access to Highway 70.

lation of Chickasaws and other Indian people who need the road for travel to school, work, health care and other essential trips.

"The Leavenworth Trail project is a top priority," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Chickasaws and their neighbors who live in the area have lacked access to a decent road." Bryan County has completed a portion of the road, but lack of adequate funding has halted work. By dedicating stimulus funds to the project, we will finish up a great road that will serve our people well for many years."

Federal stimulus dollars will pay for the project. "Shovel ready" projects are prioritized for the stimulus funds.

Over $2.2 million was allocated for Leavenworth Trail from funds authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The road will receive a total reconstruction including new creek crossings, new paving and mitigation of drainage issues.

Completion of the Leavenworth Trail project is scheduled for January 2011.

Roads built or improved by the Chickasaw Nation have been historically funded through the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program, or from tribal dollars.

The dedication of the $2.2 million in stimulus funds to the Leavenworth Trail project preserves that amount in tribal dollars for work on other Chickasaw Nation roads.

Kid Play/Parent Caddy Golf event set for May 22

ARDMORE, Okla. - The second annual Kid Play-Parent Caddy Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, May 22 at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and play begins at 1 p.m.

This tournament, open to students ages eight to 18, allows youth to display the knowledge and skills they acquired in the game of golf.

There is a $15 registration fee to cover the cost of green fees and range balls. Participants must have transportation to and from the tournament.

For more information, contact Colt Digby at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services at (580) 310-6620 or email colt.digby@chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw graduates of 2010 have many options to shine

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

As we mature and grow into adulthood, our high school days most often become long-ago memories. As working adults, we are busy with our careers, our families and all of the events, challenges and joys that enter our lives.

It would be wise, however, to recall that feeling of excitement and adventure following our high school graduations. There is no feeling like that one. Remember? Primary and secondary school requirements are completed, and now we are on the threshold of our adult lives.

How tremendously inspired we were! The world was waiting on us to enter the fray and usher in big changes.

It is worthwhile to recall those heady days as we read about our Chickasaw high school graduates this month. We can take ourselves back to our high school graduations and consider the possibilities that lay before us.

The inspired feeling of graduates is probably similar from generation to generation. However, I think the Chickasaw graduates of 2010 are much more aware of the opportunities before them than the graduates of previous generations.

Today's graduates, I believe, are much more aggressive regarding their educations and the opportunities that come with college and advanced degrees. They are also now highly tuned in to the resources available to them.

For most of the last century, there was very little in the way of grants and scholarships to assist with college. Many graduates decided their high school years would be the end of their formal educations. A number of others chose to enlist in military service in order to eventually reap the benefits of the G.I. Bill.

That was just about the extent of the choices at that time.

Today is much different. Our Chickasaw students have a multitude of choices through the tribe. Last year alone, the Chickasaw Nation provided about $11 million in scholarships, grants and other education assistance.

And our kids are bright! They know how to access our tribal Division of Education and other institutions for tuition, books, clothing, computers, housing and more. They compete for the top awards, and many now conclude outstanding college careers entirely supported by the Chickasaw Nation.

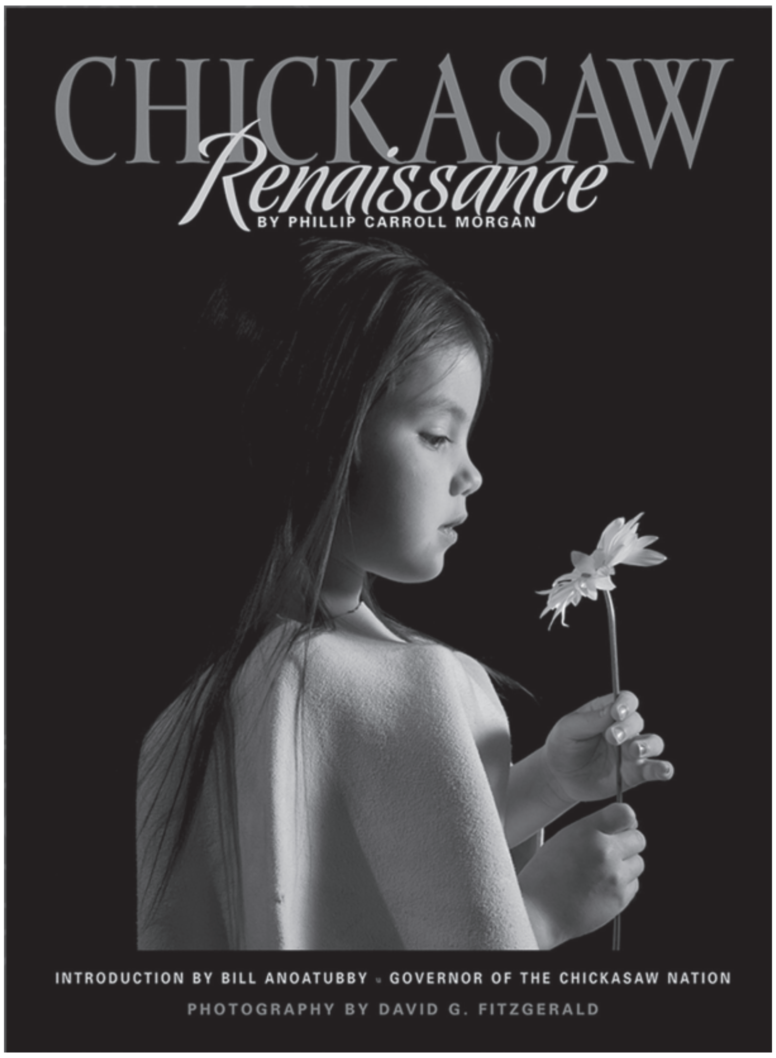
There is something incredible happening now. The number of Chickasaw high school graduates going on to complete college has grown exponentially. Our students now recognize the tremendous value of a college degree, and they are succeeding at an ever-expanding rate.

They are veterinarians and journalists, chemists and architects, teachers and physicians, and so much more. The foundation of knowledge and skill now being built by our Chickasaw students will help our people prosper for centuries. The likelihood of a young Chickasaw boy or girl attending college has shown explosive growth. And the process supports itself as children of college graduates are much more likely to become graduates themselves.

To our Chickasaw high school graduates of 2010, we extend our best wishes for continued success and a bright and happy future.

Author Phillip Morgan to sign books June 12 at Cultural Center

'Chickasaw Renaissance' released by Chickasaw Press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Renaissance
BY PHILLIP CARROLL MORGAN
INTRODUCTION BY BILL ANOATUBBY • GOVERNOR OF THE CHICKASAW NATION
PHOTOGRAPHY BY DAVID G. FITZGERALD

"Chickasaw Renaissance," the much-anticipated follow up to the award-winning "Chickasaw - Unconquered and Unconquerable," has been released by the Chickasaw Press and is available for purchase.

Written by Chickasaw author Phillip Carroll Morgan, the book is a combination of visual rhetoric and historical scholarship that takes readers through the changing seasons of Chickasaw history.

It features photographs of living Chickasaw culture and personalities, quiet streams and mysterious places, and photos drawn from deep within archival vaults.

"Chickasaw Renaissance" is the first published book-length history of the cultural and political resurgence of the Chickasaw Nation in the 20th century.

As in "Unconquered," "Chickasaw Renaissance" features the photography of David G. Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald dedicated an entire year to shooting the vibrant photo essay that accompanies the text.

Sources for the book include verbal histories from living Chickasaw elders and archived private papers of preeminent leaders including Chickasaw Gov. Douglas H. Johnston and Oklahoma Gov. William H. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray.

Morgan documents the experiences of ordinary Chickasaws as well as tribal leaders who lived the 20th century Chickasaw experience. The result gives readers the opportunity to view today's Chickasaw Nation and its people with a new understanding of the tribe's perseverance and vitality.

The author will be present for a book signing at the Chickasaw Cultural Center Saturday, June 12 in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Morgan is a full-time writer for the Chickasaw Press. He also authored "The Fork-in-the-Road Indian Poetry Store," winner of the Native Writers Circle of the Americas First Book Award for Poetry, and co-authored "Reasoning Together: the Native Critics Collective." He holds a Ph.D in Native American Literature from the University of Oklahoma.

Fitzgerald, currently specializing in photographing Native American tribes in Oklahoma, is the photographer for numerous periodicals and books, including "Oklahoma," "Ozarks," "Cherokee Trail of Tears," "Oklahoma II and III," and "Israel: Land of Promise."

He is a three-time Oklahoma Photographer of the Year and was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame in 2005.

The Chickasaw Press, part of the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture, publishes non-fiction books on Chickasaw history, traditions and culture.

"Chickasaw Renaissance" is available through the Chickasaw Press at www.chickasawpress.com.

For more information, contact the Press at (580) 559-0547.

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Dynamic Women Conference

Outstanding Chickasaw women lead 'balanced life' discussion

The 2010 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation honored panelists. Pictured from left are Karen Cook, Pauline Walker, Sue Fish, Deborah Hook and emcee Lona Barrick.

ADA, Okla. - A life in balance was the theme as dozens of students, faculty and community members joined several outstanding Chickasaw women for the 2010 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum April 8 on the East Central University campus.

Attendees received information on how to balance the different, but equally important, aspects of their lives through sessions and discussions led by Chickasaw women.

The forum is presented annually by the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Studies program through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities in partnership with East Central University. Its purpose is to recognize the valuable contributions, talents and skills of the dynamic women of the Chickasaw Nation.

Duane Anderson, ECU provost and vice president of academic affairs, recognized the forum as a mark of the relationship between the university and the Chickasaw Nation.

"We are here to recognize the extraordinary contributions these women have made to their tribe and their communities," he said.

Panelists included Chickasaw elder Pauline Walker, Division on Aging administrator Karen Cook, Chickasaw basket weaver and American Indian Cultural Center and Museum employee Sue Fish, and Deborah Hook, Education Services program manager.

Talking points included what made the panelists feel connected with their ancestors.

Cook said the cycle of knowledge made her feel in touch with Chickasaws of the past.

"I have always been Chickasaw," she said, "but the fact that I continue to learn and pass that knowledge on to the younger ones makes me feel connected to the past."

Sue Fish cited spirituality as something that had remained a common thread between Chickasaws then and now.

"I believe my ancestors drew from something that was greater than themselves," she said. "Today, with the many hats that I wear, I don't manage that on my strength alone."

The panelists were also asked how balance had helped them achieve their professional and personal goals.

Deborah Hook said great leadership had been vital in her career.

"It is amazing what the tribe allows us to do for our people," she said. "I love that I am able to give back."

Preceding the forum was an all-day conference filled with sessions geared toward finding balance in a hectic life.

"Today was a great day," Lona Barrick, administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities said of the conference. "The sessions and the knowledge of the speakers were inspiring and we are looking forward to seeing it grow each."

Dr. Tina Cooper began the day with "Health Matters," followed by a presentation by Chickasaw storytellers Lorie Robins, Suzanne Russell and Glenda Galvan on spirituality.

Mike Wingo, Customer Service Coordinator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development and avid advocate of breast cancer research, was the keynote speaker for the luncheon. He discussed Susan G. Komen Foundation for the Cure and detailed how founder Nancy Brinker had brought many individuals together for a common goal.

"Nancy was just one person," he said. "Whenever you think that you are just one person who won't make a difference, remember Nancy."

Afternoon sessions included "The Creative View" with Dr. Traci Morris, Karissa Pickett, Jeannie Barbour and Dr. Tina Cooper and "Balanced Leadership" with State Representative Lisa J. Billy.

For more information about future Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conferences and Forums, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Dynamic Women nominations sought by Arts and Humanities

Deadline for nominations for the Dynamic Women of Year award is July 9. All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities by 5 p.m. July 9.

Established in 2006, the award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, served as role models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

The Dynamic Woman of the Year Award salutes the contributions the recipient has made to improving and enhancing the lives of those around her, her professional accomplishments and her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation.

Only Chickasaw women, ages 35 and older, with proof of citizenship through Chickasaw Nation Citizenship documentation or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) are eligible. Women who are currently serving as a Chickasaw elected official or in an appointed position of the tribal executive branch are not eligible.

Women considered for this award include those who are distinguished and are pioneers in their professional field; those who have championed other women and women's issues; and those who exemplify and uphold Chickasaw values, culture and traditions.

The honoree will receive her award at the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony which will be held in conjunction with the 2010 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

Nomination forms can be found at www.chickasaw.net. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Now is the time to share your Annual Meeting memories!

October 2, 2010 will mark the 50th celebration of the Chickasaw Annual Meeting. Many exciting activities and events are planned to remember 50 years of Annual Meetings as well as historic Chickasaw events and important milestones from 1960 to present day.

As a special 2010 Annual Meeting project, the tribal Division of Communications, Media and Community Development is compiling photos and memorabilia to support this great event.

You can help make this project great by sharing your Annual Meeting items and memories. Photos and memorabilia may be submitted to:

Annual Meeting Project
c/o Chickasaw Nation
900 North Mississippi Ave.
Ada, OK 74820

Submissions can include photos from past Annual Meetings, invitations, flyers, posters, newspaper clippings and other historic documents and items that will make the 50th celebration a memorable occasion.

With all submissions, please include your name, return mailing address and phone number. A description of any items or photos (including dates, locations, photos identifications or other supporting information) is greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact the Division of Communications, Media and Community Development at annualmeetingproject@chickasaw.net.

*All items submitted will be processed and returned to the owner in a timely manner. Submission of items does not guarantee publication. The Chickasaw Nation is not responsible for items that may be lost or damaged by postal mailing services.

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Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,731	Pontotoc	11,267
Pickens	7,244	Tishomingo	5,108
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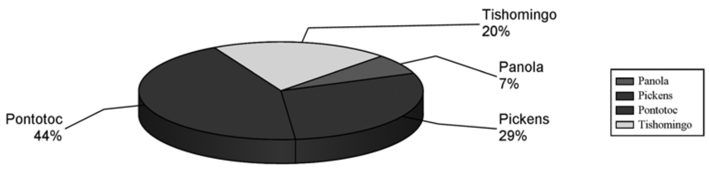

New tribal legislative, judicial facilities dedicated in Ada

CHICKASAW NATION
TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

Chickasaw Nation tribal legislators are joined by Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel and former legislators to cut the ribbon for the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature building in Ada. Front row, from left, Lt. Gov. Keel; legislators Katie Case, Shauna Tate Hammond, Connie Barker, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Steven Woods, and Scott Colbert; Gov. Anoatubby; Linda Briggs and former legislator Wanda Blackwood Scott. Second row, from left, former legislators Jerry Imotichey, Ron Parker, Melvin Burris, and Robert Martin; legislators David Woerz and Beth Alexander; and former legislators Guy McElroy and Gabe Burris.

CHICKASAW NATION
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and District Court justices, tribal legislators and officials cut the ribbon for the Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department building in Ada. Front row, from left, tribal legislator Katie Case; peacemaker Tee Edwards; Supreme Court justices Mark Colbert, Barbara Smith, and Cheri Gordon; District Court judge Aaron Duck; tribal legislator Holly Easterling; Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel. Second row, from left, peacemaker Smith Cole; legislators Shana Tate Hammond, Nancy Elliott, Connie Barker, and Scott Colbert (partially obscured); court clerks Jeanie Jones, Wayne Joplin and Tamara Dresser; court advocate Michael Smith; court clerk Ginger Sanders; legislator David Woerz; Supreme Court clerk Connie Tillery; special judge Sherry Abbott; and legislator Steven Woods.

ADA, Okla. - More than 200 Chickasaw Nation officials, guests and citizens gathered April 19 to dedicate the new Chickasaw Nation Legislative building and Chickasaw Nation Judicial building. The event was Monday, April 19 in Ada.

The buildings are located at 801 N. Mississippi and 821 N. Mississippi, on the tribal headquarters campus.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby was joined by several current and former tribal justices and legislators, as well as dozens of tribal citizens and employees.

"These new facilities make all three departments much more accessible to Chickasaw citizens and enable us to more efficiently fulfill our number one priority, serving the Chickasaw people," said Gov. Anoatubby.

The executive, legislative and judicial departments each strive to secure a bright future for tribal citizens, Gov. Anoatubby said.

"Many programs and services we operate in order to enhance the quality of life of Chickasaw people are a direct result of the efforts of the executive, legislative and judicial departments," he said. "Progress doesn't happen by chance. It happens because people set their minds to it, they work hard and they persevere. That is what is happening in the Chickasaw Nation."

A 130-seat legislative chamber, complete with state-of-the-art audio and visual equipment, is located in the Chickasaw Legislative Building.

"Our desire is to make this a place where Chickasaws are always welcome," Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman Holly Easterling said. "We will continue to work for our citizens and create legislation that positively impacts Chickasaw lives."

The 13,880 square-foot facility also includes office space for each legislator and legislative staff, three conference rooms and an exercise room.

The Judicial Building houses the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and Chickasaw Nation District Court.

"This is such a monumental day for the Judicial branch," Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Smith said. "We have grown, and we have served a lot of people. But this is really about the leadership of the Chickasaw Nation. We are so proud and thankful."

Smith also said the building featured art work by several Chickasaw artists.

The 15,610 square-foot building houses two courtrooms, each complete with state-of-the-art Digital Evidence Presentation System. This system allows counsel to present evidence to the court through the use of electronic presentation tools, including an automatic projection screen and a projector.

Both courtrooms are accessible to citizens with disabilities and have secure evidence rooms.

Designed with safety and security as top priorities, the building features a secure holding room for detainees, full-time security personnel and a security monitoring system throughout.

The building has a large lobby, a central office for court clerks, two jury conference rooms, two court advocate offices, a peacemaking room, and offices for Supreme Court justices and District Court judges.

Most exterior doors in both buildings have controlled access for staff safety and security of the building. Both buildings also include safe rooms.

For more information, call the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature office at (580) 436-1460, the tribal Supreme Court at (580) 235-0281, or the District Court at (580) 235-0279.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Chickasaw Nation Legislative Finance Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the Consolidated Tribal Budget for 2011 on June 24, 2010, at the Chickasaw Nation Legislative Building, 801 North Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Legislative Office in Ada.

Any Chickasaw citizen may address the Finance Committee at the hearings; provided, the citizen may speak only if he has notified Committee Chair Linda Briggs in writing of his desire to speak and provides an agenda. A citizen may speak for up to 10 minutes. Chickasaw citizens may also present written comments, recommendations, information or questions at those meetings, provided, those written comments are presented to Committee Chair Linda Briggs prior to the hearing's commencement.

The meetings shall be held in accordance with Title 10, Section 10-205 and following of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The Chickasaw Nation Code can be located at www.Chickasaw.net. (Newspapers: Tishomingo, Ardmore, Davis, Sulphur, Duncan, Purcell and Ada.)

Tribal budget focuses on health, education, culture

To state the obvious, May is a busy time of year! As spring rain brings everything to life again, our yards and gardens beg for our attention. Many outdoor activities begin heating up and we may find ourselves at soccer fields, baseball fields and maybe even stickball fields late into the evening hours. Graduations are on the calendar which means school and college will be turning out soon for the summer. Banquets and celebrations abound and there seems to be something going on (or needing attention) every night of the week.

HOLLY EASTERLING
Chairman,
Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature

Your Legislature is also busy this month. May is the month the annual Consolidated Governmental Budget for the new fiscal year is taken under consideration. Mid-month, Governor Anoatubby, along with his executive administration, present their final version to the Legislature for our review and approval. I am always anxious for this presentation and review process to begin. Many months of work on the part of the executive staff along with the Office of Management and Budgeting have gone into formulating this blueprint of monetary spending and where tribal dollars will be allocated.

Where tribal dollars are allocated, in many instances, is the direct result of input or increased need of Chickasaw citizens. Maybe you have attended a gathering, conference, community council, etc., where you have had a chance to visit with your elected officials or the tribal representatives who administer our programs or services. The purpose of those gatherings is to get your feedback and ideas which result in better service to the needs of Chickasaw citizens and their families. Our current year budget (which began October 1, 2009) includes an unprecedented allocation to the areas of health, education and culture. With a total consolidated budget of $112.7M, over $48M went to tribal health programs for Chickasaws, grants and scholarships and preservation of our culture. Tribal health programs are a good example of the Chickasaw Nation listening to its citizens and responding to their needs.

I urge you to participate and become more involved with your tribe as opportunities present themselves. In the meantime, you can contact me, at your convenience, by my information below. Wishing a very happy month of May to you and your family. Yakoke!

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Make sure and exercise your rights as a voter

Calling all Chickasaws! Tribal elections are fast approaching. Are you ready to participate this year? First, if you have recently turned 18 years old, you will need to contact the Voter's Registration Office to update your information. Next, if you have moved within the last year or two you need to make sure the Nation has your new address. Simply turning a change of address card in at your local post office WILL NOT CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS WITH THE CHICKASAW NATION. You will need to contact the Voter's Registration Office and update your address. (580) 310-6475. Another indicator that you or your extended family (aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters, second/third cousins, twice removed, half siblings) are not on the voter list is: not receiving monthly editions of the *Chickasaw Times* Newspaper. If you are reading this then it is evident that you are on the mailing list but what about others in your extended family?

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw
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Government and politics have definitely been in the news more often this past year. I have taken it as a wake up call. Not everyone has the opportunity to participate in the electoral process of two nations, the United States and The Chickasaw Nation. Citizens, we all need to be more informed and involved. Catch up on tribal government and issues that affect you and your family. If you have family members who have never used the services or even voted it is time for them to join us (The Chickasaw family). Call for information, ask questions, and vote.

Within the next couple of months, the Times will run a list of Chickasaw Citizens who are considered undeliverable. This indicates that the Nation does not have current contact information on those listed. Please check the list for familiar names. Contact them or us about it. I don't want one of our Chickasaw Citizens to lose contact with their host Tribe! Another familiar statement at election time is, "Why should I vote? I don't receive anything; how will this help me?" I must refer to Katie's article last month. She summed it up in one sentence: Remember, our vote is our voice, and together, WE can make our voices heard. If you don't feel led to represent your current family members then do it for your ancestors. They weren't given the opportunity to vote or have a say in their treatment. WE DO.

Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.

Proverbs 4:23
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Fed diabetes funding up for renewal in 2011

Hello everyone,

I hope all of you are enjoying the nice spring weather.

I recently attended the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee meeting in Rockville, Maryland and had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., Director of Indian Health Services. Dr. Roubideaux was appointed by President Obama last year to renew and strengthen partnerships with tribes. Her goal is to reform Indian Health Services and make her work more transparent, accountable, fair and inclusive. She has asked Tribal leaders for recommendations on how to improve the tribal consultation process.

CONNIE BARKER

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The Committee also discussed the upcoming reauthorization of funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians ("SDPI"). In 1997, Congress established SDPI as part of the Balanced Budget Act to address the growing epidemic of diabetes in American Indians and Alaskan Natives. SDPI has led to significant advances in diabetes prevention, treatment and research. Diabetes education and treatment programs supported by the SDPI have led to improvements in blood glucose control, reductions in lower extremity amputation rates and improvement in preventing kidney failure. These successes demonstrate that the program is working and yielding returns on the federal investment and should continue to be funded.

The current funding will end with Fiscal Year 2011 and legislation to renew the SDPI funding has been introduced (H.R. 3668 and S. 3058). The bills will extend the program for an additional five years at a level of $200 million per year. Tribes in the Oklahoma Area (Oklahoma, southern Kansas and a small portion of Texas) benefit from the SDPI funding and many tribes operate their diabetes programs solely with this grant money.

The Oklahoma Area currently has 42 Community directed SDPI grant programs and 8 Demonstration Projects (4 Diabetes Prevention and 4 Healthy Heart Programs). Prevention programs ranging from summer youth camps to elder programs are held in Indian communities in an attempt to provide education to those who are faced with this disease. The Chickasaw Nation will be presenting at the American association of Diabetes Educators Conference in San Antonio, Texas, August 4-7, 2010. The Nation also supports research through the Oklahoma University Health Science Center. Although many advances have been made in Diabetes treatment and prevention, the disease is still epidemic in Indian Country and the fight for funding will continue.

New staff has been added to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health. On April 1, 2010, Kimber Ward, M.D. started working in the Emergency Medicine Department. Dr. Ward has 30 plus years' experience and is a board certified physician. Erron "Cody" Proctor, PA-C has been in practice for five years and will be working part time in the Same Day Clinic starting April 10.

Patient visits for the month of March were as follows: Internal Medicine: 448, Emergency Department 989, Pediatrics 887, Same Day Clinic 2,696, Family Practice (including satellite clinics) 3,396. OB/GYN visits were 41, General Surgery cases performed were 296, General Surgery visits were 316.

Thank you for your support,
Connie Barker
Pickens District

Come and experience the Chickasaw Cultural Center!

Hello Everyone!

We had the ribbon cutting to our new building the other day and it was a wonderful event. I have mentioned before that our legislative building and the Judicial building are "twins" located at an angle to each other and look alike. We had our ribbon cuttings together and approximately 200 people were in attendance. After the ribbons were cut both buildings were open for everyone to see and to have refreshments. Wish all of you could have been there and if you get the chance, please come! We'd love for you to see!

LINDA BRIGGS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

With buildings on my mind I have to give accolades to the Ardmore Wellness Center. It gets rave revues from those who use the facility. The pool is kept pristine clean and heated to 90-degrees and is totally wonderful. We are so fortunate to have such a place.

The Cultural Center located at Sulphur is getting very close to "opening" day and events for the summer are already being planned for there. If you are coming (and I hope many, many of you are!) to Festival make time to go up there and visit. It is a virtual wonderland. It causes me to think of the term "living history" as it depicts who we are and where we have been.

NOW is the time to get applications in for students to attend one or several of the great summer camps offered by the Education Department. Get on line or on the phone for the applications and list of camps available.

If you have graduating seniors call in (or go on line!) for registration applications for them to become registered voters. Most will be 18 soon. Help them become involved in our tribal affairs! And if you know of needed address changes, now is the time to get that done also!

As we jump from winter to summer be careful of the spring storms. I wish for all of you pleasant, sunshiny days! God bless you.

Linda Briggs

Reserve your 2010 Programs and Services Directory today!

This directory outlines the numerous programs and services available to you and your family.

The directory offers:

- Information on all programs and services available
- Program descriptions
- Important phone numbers and contact information
- Office locations and hours of operation
- Program requirements
- Detailed index with keywords

To reserve your copy of the 2010 directory, call (866) 466-1481. The directory can also be reserved online by visiting http://www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory.

Get involved to make a difference in your tribe

Hello Everyone,

In last month's article, we talked about the importance of voting in this summer's Chickasaw elections. We also talked about how to register and verify that you are indeed registered to vote.

The short version of that article is that you register with Voter Registration, and Rita Loder is the contact for Voter Registration. Rita's email address is rita.loder@chickasaw.net and her phone numbers are (580) 310-6475 or (888) 661-0137.

As we discussed last month, the best indicator that you are registered and that a ballot will get to your mailbox is if you get a copy of the *Chickasaw Times* mailed to you. The contact for the *Chickasaw Times* is Vicky Gold. The email address for the Chickasaw Times is Times.Chickasaw@chickasaw.net and the phone number is (580) 332-2977.

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The time between now and when you receive your ballot can best be used in preparation to vote!

In preparing to vote, I suggest reviewing the candidate's attendance and voting records. Those can be found in the Chickasaw Times reports of the legislative sessions.

After determining who attends the meetings and if they vote independently and in the interest of the people, I suggest contacting the candidates. Starting with the incumbents, ask them questions about their concerns and plans. Share yours with them and then consider the response, its timeliness and its relevance to you and the interests of your family and friends.

As in years past, you will receive campaign mail. Read the literature and compare it with performance. Then, use your vote, hold the candidates accountable.

Lastly, talk to friends, family and people you trust. Discuss the candidates and their performances and determine if they have your best interest and that of the Chickasaw Nation in their heart. Know that your ballot is private, confidential and unknown to others, no matter what you've heard or felt in the past.

Your Chickasaw Nation needs your involvement now as much as ever.

Let's get ready to vote!

Respectfully,

Katie

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Congratulations and best wishes to our 2010 grads!

Wow! Here we are at the end of another school year. My mama always told me that the older you get, the faster time flies. I don't know how that works, but it sure is true. The end of school means graduations. Congratulations to all of our Chickasaw graduates, from the youngest Head Start graduates to our many college graduates, and all of you in between. To graduate is a great accomplishment, of which you can be very proud. I know many parents and grandparents will be bursting with pride when they see their children accepting their diplomas.

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

On a personal note, I would like to congratulate two graduates in my family this year, of whom I am very proud. My granddaughter, Mackenzie, is graduating from Kindergarten at Homer this year, and my daughter, Rachel, is graduating from the Nursing Program at East Central University. I am personally thankful to the Chickasaw Nation for providing the many scholarships and other financial incentives as she was going through college. I am especially proud of the Chickasaw Higher Honor Stole that she will be wearing with her cap and gown. The Higher Honor Stole is provided for all Chickasaw college graduates who finish with a grade point average above 3.5. The Honor Stole is a great way to honor our Chickasaw graduates who achieve at an exceptional level.

Our Education Division does an excellent job in providing help for anyone wishing to further their education. I can't say enough about the staff in Education. They take a personal interest in the students who apply for scholarships and go above and beyond to help them anyway they can. There are many scholarships and programs provided by the Education Division. Check the Program and Services Guide to see what is available and be sure to get your scholarship applications in by the deadlines. Education has always been one of the main priorities for the Chickasaw people. I am proud to say we are doing a great job in continuing that tradition.

Again, I would like to congratulate all our Chickasaw graduates. I am very proud of you.

Call or e-mail me if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

Nancy

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Our kids rocked at the Youth Language Fair!

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee! I'm writing this the day after we cut the ribbon officially opening our new Legislative building. It is a source of pride in our tribal government and will serve us well for many years to come.

This is an exciting time of the year for students and families! I want to recognize and praise the accomplishment of high school seniors! Student Appreciation Night will take place on May 11 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We have Head Start programs in Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo and each will have a graduation ceremony in May. For more information about specific graduation dates you can call Danny Wells at 580-421-7711.

The childcare program will be accepting applications for the Summer School-Age program in Ada for children ages five through nine years. Space is limited so apply early. For more information about this program call 580-559-0752.

The Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair was held April 5-6 in Norman. Many Chickasaw Youth received prizes for their knowledge of the Chickasaw language. The Nation's language club for students aged three to 12, Chipota Chickashsha Anompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw), took first place in both the third through fifth grade Large Group Spoken Language and Large Group Music/Dance categories. Three members were recognized for their illustrated books: Kelsey Morgan and Johnathan DelFrate placed first and second respectively in the Pre-K to second grade category and Jolie Morgan placed second in the third through fifth grade category. Also placing were: Thirkiel Wedlow, first place in sixth through eighth grade Individual Spoken Language; Me-way-se Greenwood, first place in sixth through eighth grade Individual Music/Dance; Brook, Katy, Skye and Dale Shackleford, first place in ninth through twelfth grade Group Spoken Language; Bradley Stick, second place in ninth through twelfth grade Individual Spoken Language; Sadie Milligan, second place in ninth through twelfth grade Spoken Language with Power Point Presentation; and Micah Hart, second place in Film/Video. Sadie Milligan's illustration won the Grand Prize for Poster and her artwork will adorn next year's tee shirts. Congratulations to all, we are very proud of you!

In closing, may God's blessings be on each of you Chickasaws where ever you are. I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Thank you.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Election Filing Period is June 7-9

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission announces filing period opens June 7 and continues through June 9, 2010 for the 2010 General Elections.

Candidates must file in the election secretary's office, located in the Government Services building located at 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, Ada, OK.

Candidates may file between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Seats to be filled are Legislative Seat 5 of Pontotoc District; Seat 3 of Pickens District; Seat 1 of Panola District and Seat 2 in the Tishomingo District. Seat 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court is also up for this year's election.

Legislative candidates must be registered Chickasaw voters, residents of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and of their respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election; must remain residents of their elected district during the tenure of their office and must be at least 25 years of age. Term of office is three years. Filing fees are $500.

A judicial candidate must be a registered voter of the Chickasaw Nation; residents of the Chickasaw Nation during their tenure of office; and must be at least 30 years of age. Three-year term of office. Filing fees are $500.

Candidates must bring verification of physical and mailing address, such as a utility bill or homestead exemption, filing fee and upon filing must complete a financial disclosure statement. Statements are also due at the end of every month during the candidate's active campaign period. Candidates will receive an electoral packet containing election rules and regulations, the Chickasaw Constitution, financial disclosure forms, biography form for the Chickasaw Times, and watcher form. Candidates must not have been convicted of a felony. Background checks are conducted on all candidates.

Primary election is July 27 and run-off election is August 31, if applicable.

For further assistance, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary toll free at 1-888-661-0137.

The Chickasaw Nation 2010 Tribal Election Seats Open for Election

Pontotoc District
Seat 5

Pickens District
Seat 3

Panola District
Seat 1

Tishomingo District
Seat 2

Supreme Court
Seat 1

The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Election 2010 Primary Election Schedule

June 7-9:
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
June 11:
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.
June 14:
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.
June 14:
Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (by 4:00 pm)
Press release for candidates (news/media)
June 28:
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states
July 6:
Voter registration closes.
July 7:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.
July 12:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
July 21:
Last day to appoint a watcher.
July 27:
2010 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
July 27:
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.
July 30:
Recount period ends.
October 1:
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

The Chickasaw Nation 2010 Run-Off Election Schedule (If Needed)

August 2:
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's (after 12:00 p.m.)
August 16:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
August 25:
Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.
August 31:
2010 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens
September 3:
Recount period ends.
October 1:
Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Chickasaw production ‘Pearl’ hits the road on multi-city tour

“Pearl,” the true story of a Chickasaw girl who became the youngest licensed pilot in the U.S. in 1928, has made a successful and highly-lauded run on the film festival circuit.

Produced by the Chickasaw Nation, the film focuses on the tumultuous teen years of the late Pearl Carter Scott, who was befriended by famous aviator Wiley Post in the late 1920s. Pearl earned her license at age 13 and was performing as a barnstormer and commercial pilot by age 14.

The film won the award as best overall film Jan. 24 at the Trail Dance Film Festival in Duncan, Okla.

In October, 2009 “Pearl” sold out four matinee performances at the “Heartland Film Festival” in Indianapolis, which is well known as one of the largest family oriented film festivals in the world.

“Pearl” also won a prestigious “Best of Show” award from “The Indie Fest,” and swept the feature docudrama category at the “International Cherokee Film Festival.”

The Dove Foundation recently awarded “Pearl” four “Doves,” giving the film its ‘Family-Approved’ Seal for all ages.

“This endorsement is a testament to Pearl’s legacy,” said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. “This film enables people to relive some of the significant moments in her life – moments which define what made her truly great and reaffirm the importance of family relationships.”

Positive response to showings of “Pearl” at film festivals has generated interest from several distributors.

A theatrical tour including several cities across the U.S. has been scheduled to determine the most effective way to share Pearl’s story.

A DVD release of the film is expected by late fall.

For more information, visit www.pearlthemovie.net

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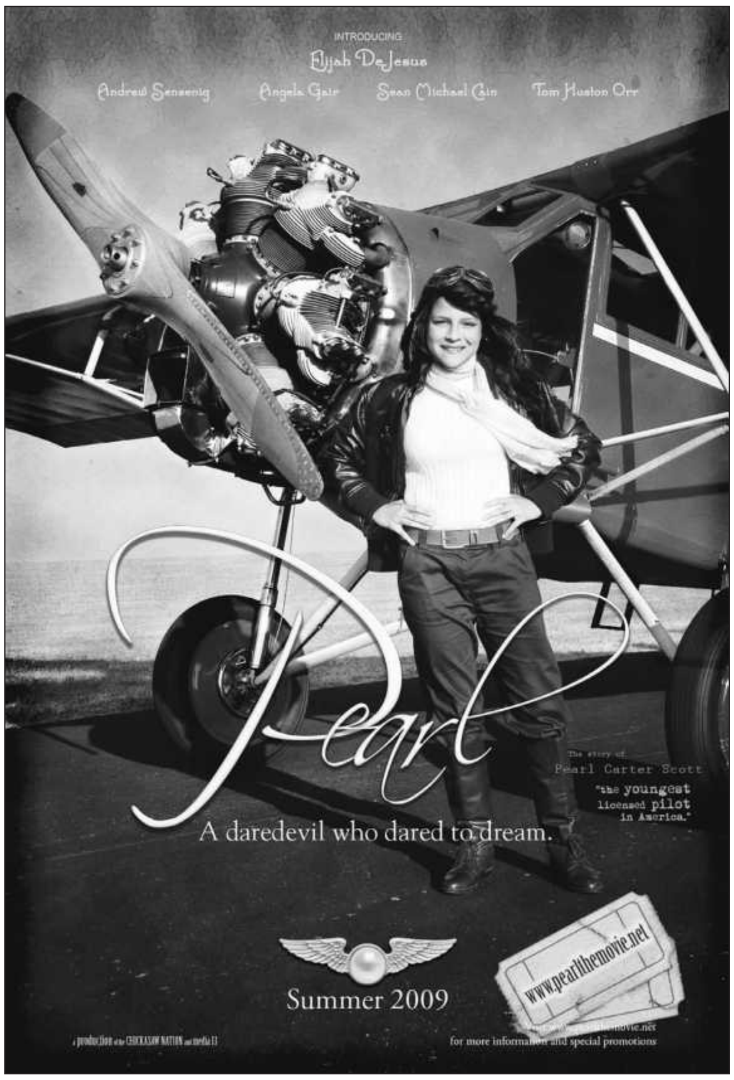
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Elijah DeJesus
Andrew Senseneig
Angela Gair
Sean Michael Cain
Tom Huston Orr
Pearl
The story of
Pearl Carter Scott
"the youngest licensed pilot in America."
A daredevil who dared to dream.
Summer 2009
www.pearlthemovie.net
a production of the CHICKASAW NATION and media 11
for more information and special promotions

Investments in citizen education, health top chart

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s Division of Education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness centers, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending March 31, 2010

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $18.6 million for the month and $70.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $7.6 million for the month and $42.8 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $125.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for March totaled $80.8 million and $441.5 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $26.9 million for the month and $135.7 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $31.2 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At March 31, 2010, the tribal government funds had $106 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $17.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $131 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of March 31, 2010, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $926 million compared to $872 million at September 30, 2009 or an increase of $54 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	1,785,116	441,515,087	443,300,203
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		68,572,165	(68,572,165)	-
Total funds available		70,357,281	372,942,922	443,300,203
Expenditures				
General government		4,077,236		4,077,236
Legislature		1,055,363		1,055,363
Judiciary		593,092		593,092
Education		8,855,783		8,855,783
Heritage Preservation		4,259,813		4,259,813
Health		7,615,893		7,615,893
Youth and Family Services		4,775,416		4,775,416
Nutrition Programs		2,277,451		2,277,451
Regulatory		2,869,648		2,869,648
Assistance Programs		6,438,683		6,438,683
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			251,506,327	251,506,327
Other businesses' expense			90,137,457	90,137,457
Total expenditures		42,818,378	341,643,784	384,462,162
Increase in net assets		27,538,903	31,299,138	58,838,042
Beginning net assets		371,459,994	495,790,033	867,250,027
Ending net assets	$	398,998,897	527,089,171	926,088,068

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
March 31, 2010

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	106,847,799	131,392,278	238,240,077
Receivables		41,453,957	33,352,376	74,806,333
Inventory			5,386,266	5,386,266
Prepaid expenses			13,498,890	13,498,890
Other Assets			20,466,935	20,466,935
Fixed assets		252,753,157	501,041,738	753,794,895
Less payables		(2,056,016)	(178,049,311)	(180,105,327)
Net Assets	$	398,998,897	527,089,171	926,088,068

Governor credits 'people who work in the trenches'

Gov. Anoatubby receives Wendell Chino Humanitarian Award

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

SAN DIEGO - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby received the Wendell Chino Humanitarian Award during the recent National Indian Gaming Association Conference in San Diego.

Ernie Stevens, NIGA chairman, said the award honored Gov. Anoatubby for his diplomacy, his leadership and for all he does for the Chickasaw Nation and Indian Country.

Gov. Anoatubby said he was accepting the award on behalf of "the people who work every day in the trenches, because they earned this award, not me."

The award is named for the late Wendell Chino, who served as elected leader of the Mescalero Apache Nation from 1955 until 1998.

President Chino developed a number of tribal businesses, including one of the first tribally-owned casinos in the U.S. These businesses helped to greatly improve the economic condition of his people.

"If you ever saw Wendell Chino in action, you would never forget," said Gov. Anoatubby during his acceptance speech. "He was a champion for tribal sovereignty. He began tribal businesses because he knew those business would provide jobs for his people."

Gov. Anoatubby has produced a record of economic success similar to that of Wendell Chino.

Beginning work for the tribe in 1975 as health director, Gov. Anoatubby later worked as finance director and special assistant to the governor before being elected Lieutenant Governor in 1979. He was elected to his first term as Governor in 1987.

In 1987, the tribe had about 250 employees. Today, the Chickasaw Nation employs more than 11,500 people. The financial condition of the tribe has been improved tremendously. Funding for tribal operations has grown exponentially, and tribal assets have grown twenty fold.

"Governor Anoatubby will be remembered by future generations for building the modern economy of the Chickasaw Nation," Mr. Stevens said.

Gov. Anoatubby was among several tribal leaders in Oklahoma who worked together to craft new language to be added to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. This new language guaranteed that Oklahoma tribes, even though they held no reservation land, would be allowed to establish gaming facilities.

The new language proved to be very important to the development of gaming businesses which bring millions of dollars into tribal and local economies.

"If it wasn't for the Governor and his fights, we wouldn't have the compacts that we have today in the state of Oklahoma," said NIGA Treasurer J.R. Mathews, who is also vice chairman of the Quapaw Tribes.

Inside the Chickasaw Nation, Gov. Anoatubby worked with his staff to ensure gaming revenues contributed to expanding health care, housing and education services. These revenues also helped to build the Chickasaw Cultural Center, which will open this summer.

Gov. Anoatubby received a standing ovation from a packed banquet room in the San Diego Convention Center.

"The only way I can express my appreciation for Wendell Chino," Gov. Anoatubby said, "is to try to emulate him."

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

About Wendell Chino

Wendell Chino was elected leader of the Mescalero Apache Indian Nation in 1955 and served until his death in 1998.

He was born in 1923, only 11 years after his parents were freed from U.S. imprisonment as prisoners of war.

He was first elected leader of the tribal business council in 1955, when that position was the highest elected office in the tribe. A 1965 change in the tribal constitution created a council form of government headed by a president. Pres. Chino won election to that position in 1965 and was re-elected 16 consecutive times.

Pres. Chino "was a leader in tribal sovereignty," said Neal McCaleb, a Chickasaw and former U.S. Assistant Secretary of Interior. Pres. Chino, he added, understood before others "the fact that tribes were not an agency of state government, but were superior to state governments."

He was a champion of tribal sovereignty who developed a number of successful businesses. He developed one of the first successful tribal casinos in the U.S. before the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act was passed in 1988.

Pres. Chino developed several other successful businesses, including a ski resort, golf course and sawmill, among others. Those businesses improved the economic condition of tribal citizens. Proceeds from those businesses also enabled the tribe to build schools, a hospital and health centers.

President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed Pres. Chino to the National Council on Indian Opportunity. In that role, he helped bring about greater American Indian participation in federal Indian policy.

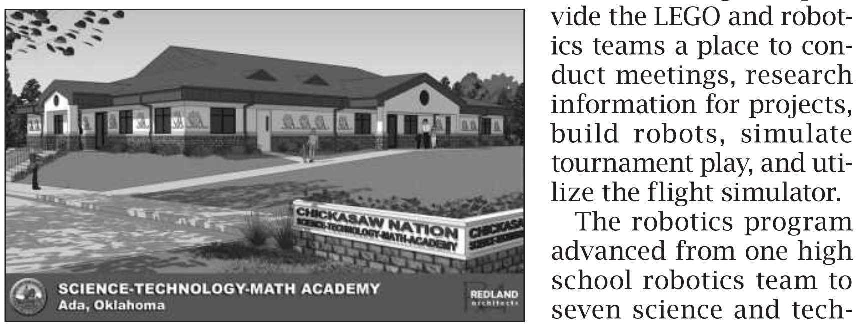
Ground broken for science and technology academy

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by tribal officials and workers as ground is broken for the tribal Science-Technology-Math Academy in Ada. Front row from left, Chickasaw Nation Head Start director Danny Wells, architect Tim Elliott, program manager Lynne Chatfield, tribal Education Division Administrator Lisa John, Gov. Anoatubby, legislator Mary Jo Green, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, legislators Dean McManus and Nancy Elliott, and special assistant to the Governor Kennedy Brown. Back row, from left, Wayne King, Lori Hamilton, Michelle Key, Michelle Lewis, Sandy Sanders, Sara Willie, Jim Lawson, Stan Townsend, and Pam Walls. The 7,000 square-foot building will be located at 301 Seabrook Drive. It will enable Chickasaw youth to explore education and career opportunities in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

ADA, Okla. - More than 100 Chickasaw Nation officials, citizens and employees gathered with Gov. Bill Anoatubby to break ground on an innovative Science-Technology-Math Academy.

The ceremony was April 26.

The 7,000 square-foot building will be located at 301 Seabrook Drive. The facility will help Chickasaw youth explore education and career opportunities in the science, technology, engineering and math fields.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REDLAND architects

"We believe that by providing the proper tools and the knowledge within these fields, students will be able to take their educations to the next level," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This new Science-Technology-Math Academy will provide a facility where students can gain the skills they need in these areas.

"Today, we celebrate the accomplishments of our youth and take a step toward providing the education and tools they need to become the leaders of tomorrow."

The new building will house tribal science, math and technology programs including the robotics program and Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA).

Established in 2003, CNASA is a summer learning program that encourages Chickasaw students interested in aviation, space, science or math to pursue careers and opportunities in those fields. Students, ages 11-18, spend the week flying in simulators, learning through hands-on demonstrations, and flying in a small plane.

The building will provide the LEGO and robotics teams a place to conduct meetings, research information for projects, build robots, simulate tournament play, and utilize the flight simulator.

The robotics program advanced from one high school robotics team to seven science and technology related programs for students ages six to 18.

A classroom with SmartBoard technology will be available as an additional learning tool for students. The new facility will also include a large shop area, a kitchen, and office space.

The Science-Technology-Math Academy projected completion date is December 2010.

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‘Getting Together To Get Along’

BY CHARLES BLACKWELL | CHICKASAW NATION AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.

Early, most every one of these fine spring mornings, I have coffee on the front stoop with my good friends, the Doves, Lord and Lady Robin, the Sparrow Family, the shy Mr. and Mrs. Red Bird, and the loud, bossy bachelor Mockingbird. Individually and collectively, I learn something from them every day. Occasionally, they introduce me to their friends Ms. Phoebe, Jim Bob Brown-Head Cowbird, Bobby Joe Bobolink, Sen. Baltimore Oriole, Sweetie Warbler and Billy Joe Blue Jay. I learn from them, too.

In 1949, in Stratford (OK), my second grade teacher, Miss Ruth Burnett, introduced my classmates and me to various members of the many, many Bird tribes. As a teaching tool she used the Birds to teach us to be aware of our surroundings, to listen, observe, think and exercise our brains. From then, to now, I do believe the collective message and actions of the Birds demonstrates the value and grace of working together to get along. They share the seed I toss on the sidewalk; they communally drink and bathe in the bird fountain; and, they mingle with each other as they scratch for bugs and gather nest material. They get along with each other just fine and they bring me along with them as I watch them. There’s so much discord and anger around us now that a conscious display of harmony is just what I need to start my day.

We all know honesty begets truth; truth begets trust; and, trust begets harmony and growth. When we’re honest and appropriate within ourselves and outwardly with others, we’re better able to recognize and dispel our greed, pride and envy and other things which hold us back and keep us from getting along together in harmony. Birds don’t always agree with each other but they do respect each other and are quite honest in their dealings with each other. They create a harmonious balance with their honesty, thoughtfulness, and respect with one another. I watch it in action on every morning that I join them.

Here in Washington, D.C., these are trying times for an honest optimist bird who values harmony, truth, and common trust. It seems the national debt, taxes, federal banking oversight, war practices and policies, gun rights are all trying to be solved in an atmosphere of hatefulness, untruth and distrust. Here in the yard, there’s always a few mean old Crows and some dumb-headed Pigeons who bully and are mean and hateful to the other Birds. They don’t seem to be able to get along with any birdbodies and they seem solitary and lonely to me because no Bird likes a mean-spirited bully; and, so the other Birds just avoid them. It’s much nicer when those hateful, mean Crows stay away.

The other Birds don’t hate each other; far from it, they recognize each other’s differences and respect them. Indeed, there must be at least eight or nine different kinds of Birds nesting in the big magnolia tree below which they bathe and breakfast together. The Birds even include the Grackle who is very dark, strange looking and walks funny! It’s nice the way they include him, too. If the Birds have religious, political or social barriers which divide them, I don’t see it. For example, the Birds respect each other’s right to bear twigs, but those Birds with twigs don’t use those twigs to hurt the other Birds. Why, I’ve even seen a Papa Sparrow feed a baby Junco! A hungry Bird kid who needs a hug is everybird’s responsibility, at least the Sparrow Family thinks so. I’ll bet those Sparrows are Methodists!

Money doesn’t seem to be that important to the Birds either. If there is a First National Bank of Birdland, I don’t see it! The Birds eat and drink what they need, then move on. Greed and gluttony just don’t seem to be part of their make-up, except, again, maybe for the Pigeons who, after all, are Pigeons! I guess there always have to be a few selfish Birds, i.e. Pigeons, otherwise there wouldn’t be as strong a reminder of how unattractive greed is for the other Birds.

I wish some member birds of Congress, a few birds at the White House and various departmental bureaucrat birds here in Washington would take their morning coffee on the stoop with me and watch the real Birds as they get together and get along with each other. Every now and then, human birds need a refresher course in how respect, trust and honesty create true harmony and they need to see that the real Birds exercise these qualities and values as they get along for the greater good.

Miss Burnett was right! Watch the Birds and I think you’ll agree that they set a fine example in how human birds can co-exist in a mutually beneficial, beautifully harmonious way. Thanks, Birds and thank you, Miss Burnett. All the way from 1949 and that Second Grade Classroom in Stratford to 2010, here in my front yard three blocks from the United States Capitol, the Birds are singing the same songs and dancing the same dances for us and we are better off for watching and listening and thinking about what they are telling us. The Birds remind even your old Ambassador about the necessity for harmony as we watch out for each other and get along for our common greater good.

Incidentally, I take cream and two Splendas!

You can change a lifetime as a Chickasaw foster family

All children deserve a safe, happy life, including the 239 Chickasaw children in tribal and state custody. And you could make a difference in their lives.

The Chickasaw Nation Foster Care program seeks Chickasaw families to open their hearts and homes to foster children.

“Young people, especially in foster care, need nurturing adults on their side because their own families are in crisis and unable to care for them,” said Jeanie Anderson, tribal foster care and adoption program manager.

Many children and teens will safely reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by loving families, but more foster families are needed.

“More Native American families are needed,” said Anderson. “There are Chickasaw kids in DHS custody all over Oklahoma. From a cultural aspect, we just want our (tribal) kids to be cared for.”

The need is great for all children and youth to have stable, safe, and nurturing environments in which to live, and make meaningful connections with caring adults until they can be reunited with their families.

“It is vital to the future of these children,” she said.

Please consider opening your heart and home by becoming a Chickasaw Nation Tribal Resource Family and foster a child. Chickasaw children are waiting for families to offer them stable homes on both permanent and temporary basis.

For more information or to become a foster parent contact the Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption Program at (580) 272-5550.

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About the Foster Care Program

In the Foster Care program, the foster family and the parents work together, along with the Chickasaw Nation and Indian Child Welfare (ICW) for reunification of the family.

It takes about 90 days, or less, to complete the application process, but the effort could change a child’s life for the better.

Criteria to become a tribal foster care family include a completed background check, tribal training course and home study.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old, and can either rent or own their home or apartment and can be single or married. Applicants must be willing to work as a team member and love a child.

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'Weaving Words, Connecting Lives'

Chickasaw students exceptional at Native Language Fair

Cutline: Chipota Chikashshanompoli members show off their medals and masks after winning first place in the Large Group Spoken Language category. Pictured from left to right are back row: Sean Cooke, Jolie Morgan, Chris Anglin, Kendra Smith and Chelsea Wedlow. Third row: Sunzie Harrison, Kelly Cooke, Anna Mae Palmer, Levi Hinson, Colton Wilson and Dylan Barnoski. Second row: Lauren John, Darrion Barnoski, Ke-Ke Factor, Johnathon DelFrate, Reese Siegle, Christian Siegle and Jairus Smith. Front row: Kelsey Morgan, Taylor Harrison, Zoe Allen and Macyee Davis.

NORMAN, Okla. - A Grand Prize and four first-place wins were among the honors received by Chickasaw-speaking students during the eighth annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair.

This year, there were hundreds of Fair entries representing dozens of Native languages. The competition was April 5-6 at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman.

"We are very proud of our students," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "It is very encouraging to see these young people embracing our culture and heritage. Their performance at the fair is a testament to the reach of our language programs."

Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw), the Chickasaw Nation's language club for students to age 12, took first place in both the third- through fifth-grade Large Group Spoken Language and Large Group Music/Dance categories.

Participating language club members were Zoe Allen, Macyee Davis, Taylor Harrison, Kelsey Morgan, AnnaMae Palmer, Johnathon DelFrate, Lauren John, Colton Wilson, Jairus Smith, Ke-Ke Factor, Reese Siegle, Christian Siegle, Darrion Barnoski, Sean Cooke, Kelly Cooke, Jolie Morgan, Sunzie Harrison, Levi Hinson, Chris Anglin, Dylan Barnoski, Kendra Smith, Jordan Stick and Chelsea Wedlow.

Sadie Milligan's illustration won the Grand Prize in the poster competition and her artwork will featured on next year's Fair t-shirts.

Three Chipota Chikashshanompoli members were also recognized for their illustrated books. Kelsey Morgan and Johnathan DelFrate placed first and second respectively in the Pre-K to second-grade category and Jolie Morgan placed second in the third- through fifth-grade category.

Other Chickasaw student winners are listed below.

Thirkiel Wedlow, first place in the sixth- through eighth-grade Individual Spoken Language category.

Me-way-se Greenwood, first place in the sixth- through eighth-grade Individual Music/Dance category.

Brook, Katy, Skye and Dale Shackleford, first place in the ninth- through twelfth-grade Group Spoken Language Category.

Bradley Stick, second place in the ninth- through twelfth-grade Individual Spoken Language category.

Sadie Milligan, second in the ninth- through twelfth-grade Spoken Language with PowerPoint presentation category

Micah Hart, Catie Newport and Quinn Simmer, second place in the ninth- through twelfth-grade Film/Video category

"Weaving Words, Connecting Lives" was the theme for the 2010 Youth Language Fair. Participants of all ages demonstrated language skills as groups or individuals in eight different categories.

For more information about the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, visit http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/ or visit www.chickasaw.net/cca for additional information about the Chipota Chikashshanompoli language club.

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Students produce language video

Quinn Simmer, Micah Hart and Catie Newport produced a video project that earned them 2nd place at the 2010 Native American Youth Language Fair. The video "Ilifatpoli biliya: We Are Always Speaking Chickasaw" documents the Chickasaw Nation's efforts to preserve the language.

Chickasaw high school students Micah Hart, Catie Newport and Quinn Simmer produced a unique Chickasaw language video during a summer workshop.

The video project, "Ilifatpoli biliya: We Are Always Speaking Chickasaw," was produced when the trio attended the Native Language Youth Video Workshop at the University of Oklahoma in the summer of 2009.

The students represented the Chickasaw Nation language program and were taught skills in operation of digital video camera equipment, the use of external microphones and video editing techniques. In addition, an introduction to writing for video production and storyboarding were presented.

"Ilifatpoli bilya" was created as a mini documentary explaining the tribe's attempts to preserve and revitalize the Chickasaw language. Tribal language speakers are featured predominanty talking about the importance of saving the language and speaking in Chickasaw about various subjects involving culture, spirituality and social life ways. The short film received positive reviews at the awards screening.

Joshua Hinson, director of the Chickasaw Studies Department that has oversight for the tribal language program commented, "These kids' wonderful video is a testimony not only to the efforts of our elders to keep the language alive, but also to the creativity of our youth and their growing passion for our Chickasaw language. Kids like these bolster my belief that our people will still be speaking Chickasaw in one hundred years. This video is an encouragement to all of us who've committed our lives to revitalizing the Chickasaw language."

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Summer Film Series for children begins May 28 at Council House Museum in Tishomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Council House Museum will present its Summer Film Series for children beginning Friday, May 28.

"This series is intended to give the children a fun glimpse into Native American history and culture," said Flora Fink, curator manager at the museum. "It also familiarizes them with the museum environment."

Other Native American-themed films are scheduled for Fridays throughout the summer including June 18, July 23 and August 13.

Films set to be shown include "Education of Little Tree," "Rain in the Mountains," "Spirit," "The Treasure of Manhattan Island" and "Indian in the Cupboard."

Shows will begin at 1 p.m. and popcorn and drinks will be served.

The movies will be presented in the gallery of the Council House Museum, located at 209 N. Fisher in Tishomingo.

For more information, contact Flora Fink at (580) 371-3351.

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Chickasaw playwright wins Native prose award

JudyLee Oliva

"Te Ata and Other Plays" by Chickasaw playwright JudyLee Oliva was named the winner of the Native Writers' Circle of Americas 2009 First Book Award for Prose.

She was honored at the annual Wordcraft Circle and NWCA awards banquet March 27.

The ceremony was conducted at the University of Sciences and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha, where her award-winning play "Te Ata" premiered to audiences numbering in the thousands in 2006.

The author of more than 20 plays, Dr. Oliva is also a poet and drama scholar.

"Te Ata," Dr. Oliva's signature piece, is about the life of globally-renowned Chickasaw storyteller, dancer and entertainer Te Ata Fisher.

"We have so much in common," Dr. Oliva said of Te Ata. "I've always referred to her as my 'spirit sister'."

Other plays, including "99 Cents Dreams," "On the Showroom Floor," and "Fading Alice and the Sandhill Cranes," have won such awards as the James H. Wilson Playwriting Competition, the Women Playwrights Initiative Competition, the Five Civilized Tribes' Allece Garrard Best Play Prize, and Generic Theatre's Best New Play.

Dr. Oliva is the second Chickasaw citizen to win the First Book Award for Prose. Robert Perry's "Life with the Little People" received the honor in 1997.

The Native Writers' Circle of the Americas was created in 1992 in conjunction with the Native Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma to recognize writers of Native American background.

Dr. Oliva and her husband, Bruce, live in Choctaw, Okla.

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Tribal Writer-In-Residence offers writing workshop

Linda Hogan

Chickasaw author Linda Hogan will lead a creative writing workshop 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays May 25-June 29 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

Sponsored by the Division of Arts and Humanities, the six-week class will include exercises to overcome writer's block and offer a non-critical environment in which writers can share ideas.

"There's a good energy when writing is shared in a supportive environment," Hogan said of the workshop atmosphere.

Chickasaw writers as well as lovers of fiction, poetry, memoir and family history are welcome.

Twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, Hogan has published numerous novels, essays, plays and environmental literature. She also played a prominent role in the development of contemporary Native American poetry. She taught at the University of Minnesota and has been an associate professor at the University of Colorado in Boulder since 1989.

Class size is limited to 12 people. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Tribal Arts in Education director named 'Educator of the Year' by Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education director Laura Stewart received a Mvskoke Women's Leadership Award for "Educator of the Year" from the Muscogee Creek Nation at a reception conducted March 27 to recognize and honor the strength of the tribe's women.

"I am very humbled to receive this prestigious award and to be recognized by my own tribe for my work in education," Stewart said. "It is our culture to be in the circle, learn from our elders, and give back to our youth what we have learned and experienced.

"Really, we are all educators, whether in our homes, churches, schools and even the workplace."

Stewart was nominated by co-worker and fellow Muscogee Creek tribal citizen Laura Clark.

"Of all of the Mvskoke women I know, Laura is one of the most inspirational," Clark said. "She carries the true qualities of an outstanding Indian leader and educator."

As director of the Department of Arts in Education, Stewart and her staff strive to bring knowledge of Native American art and culture to hundreds of students and educators across Oklahoma.

Each summer, she directs and organizes the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and is the member of numerous educational and non-profit organizations including the National Art Education Association, the Oklahoma Art Education Association and Creative Oklahoma, Inc.

The Mvskoke Women's Leadership Initiative was established in 2009 to bring Muscogee Creek women of all ages together to fellow ship and celebrate the richness of Mvskoke culture.

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Laura Stewart, Chickasaw Nation director of Arts in Education. Stewart was recently named "Educator of the Year" by the Muscogee Creek Nation.

Arts Academy composer earns scholarship

John McAlester

The talents of young composer and musician John McAlester have earned him a $100,000 scholarship to study music composition at Oklahoma City University next fall.

John, a senior at McAlester (OK) High School, was excited to hear the news.

"I was shocked," he said. "It's awesome that I can be rewarded for doing something I love so much."

While proficient on the piano, John's primary instrument is the French horn.

It was last summer, when he attended the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy for the first time, that he decided he wanted to compose and play music beyond high school.

During the academy, John worked with Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate.

"Jerod really encouraged me to continue to play throughout college," he said, "and attending the Arts Academy confirmed that that was exactly what I wanted to do."

Earlier this year, John and 10 other Arts Academyh composition students had the opportunity to have their music played by Juilliard-trained group ETHEL and recorded onto CD for national distribution.

During the recording session, John acted as producer, conveying exactly how he intended his composition to be played.

"Creating a piece from scratch and then having it recorded by a professional group exactly in the way I wanted was quite an experience," he said.

In his free time, John plays local gigs with several musical groups including brass quartet Balcony Brass. He also teaches music to younger students.

John will graduate this month. He is the son of Shawnda and Brent McAlester of McAlester, Okla.

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Red Earth Call for Youth Artists

Registration is now open for the 24th Annual Red Earth Youth Art Competition.

Students from across the region will display their original works and compete for cash prizes.

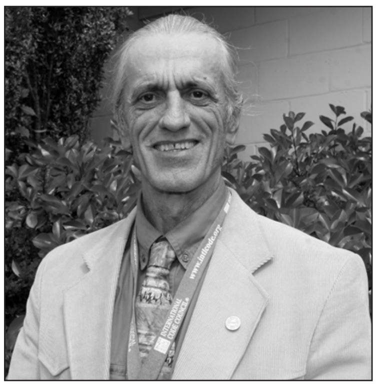
All submitted artwork will be displayed at June 18-20 at the Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City. Artwork will be accepted by Native American youth ages nine to 18.

The Red Earth Youth Art Competition is divided into three age groups: 9-12 years, 13-15 years and 16-18 years. Participants can enter seven art categories including pottery, painting/ drawing/ graphics, sculpture, basketry, beadwork, cultural items and jewelry. Prize money is awarded to the top three winners in each division category, along with a "Best of Show" award.

To register or for more information, visit www.redearth.org or contact Red Earth, Inc. at (405) 427-5228.

Directors named for Ambulatory Services, Cultural Center facilities, Chokka' Kilimpi'

Alexandria (Colbert) Billings



Keith Welsh

Terry Smith

The Chickasaw Nation has recently announced the appointment of three tribal directors. Alexandria (Colbert) Billings, will serve as Ambulatory Services director in the Division of Health.

Keith Welch is the new director of Chickasaw Cultural Center Facilities in the Division of History and Culture.

Terry Smith, has been appointed director of the Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center in Norman, Okla.

Mrs. Billings will coordinate dental and optometric services for tribal citizens in anticipation of moving into the new tribal medical center in Ada.

"We will strive to provide more efficient services to patients and improve the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people as we transition into the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center," Mrs. Billings said.

Previously program manager in the Office of Strategic Planning in the tribal Division of Self-Governance, Mrs. Billings started her career with the Chickasaw Nation in the Division of Health in 2004.

She earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Oklahoma and is currently a student at the OU Health Science Center, where she is working toward a master's degree in public health.

Mrs. Billings and her husband, Josh, live near Sulphur. The couple has a daughter, Ella.

Keith Welsh brings more than 40 years experience in construction, design and inspection to the Cultural Center Facilities director position. Mr. Welsh will oversee building maintenance, upkeep of all audio, video and communication equipment, and groundskeeping at the Cultural Center.

He spent the past five years as project manager for the Cultural Center, so he knows the 109-acre campus well.

"I am looking forward to the doors opening so we can share with this facility with everyone," Mr. Welsh said. "There is no facility like it in the world. The Chickasaw Nation is setting the standard, once again."

Mr. Welsh and his wife, Karla, live in Sparks. The couple has four children and seven grandchildren.

Terry Smith brings more than 25 years of experience working with families and youth to his new position of director of the Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center in Norman.

"I feel blessed I was able to come to work for the Chickasaw Nation," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Smith retired after 25 years as deputy director of the Oklahoma State Department of Juvenile Affairs. He also worked with the state Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse prior to accepting the new position.

An Oklahoma City native, Mr. Smith has been busy establishing the new Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center. He and his staff also work to connect Chickasaw families who live in the Oklahoma City metro area with tribal resources.

"The services we are offering here are cutting edge; they are things I have wanted to do my whole career," he said.

Mr. Smith lives in Oklahoma City with his wife, Lisa. They have three children and three grandchildren.

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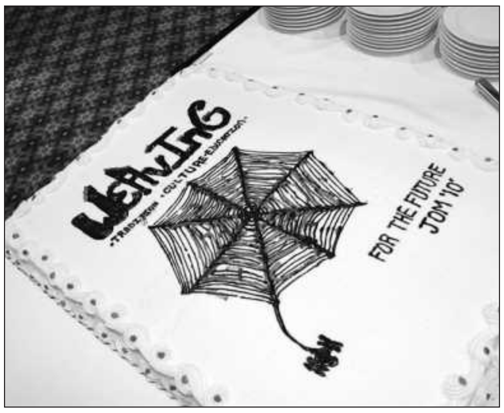
Chickasaw student wins JOM art contest

Mercedes Milligan receives recognition for her artwork at the state Johnson-O'Malley conference in March. Her design was chosen for fisrt place in the statewide JOM art contest.



A cake featuring Mercedes' winning artwork was served at the conference dinner.

TULSA, Okla. - Chickasaw student Mercedes Milligan was awarded first place in the statewide Johnson-O'Malley Art Contest last month at the state conference in Tulsa.

A freshman at Byng (OK) High School, Mercedes created a drawing to follow the conference's theme of "Weaving for the Future." The drawing features a spider web that intertwines culture, education and tradition.

Mercedes said she chose the spider motif because of all the Native American stories that involved spiders.

"I thought it would be a good choice because JOM represents several different tribes," she said. "I also figured there would be a lot of pieces centered on other types of weaving, like basket weaving."

Her intuition paid off when she found out her artwork had been selected for first place out of hundreds of entries from across the state.

"I was shocked and pretty excited," she said.

Mercedes is involved in several youth arts programs offered by the Chickasaw Nation's Division of Arts and Humanities.

"It's really cool to see it pay off," she said.

When she's not creating art, Mercedes likes to play basketball and hang out with friends.

She is the daughter of Marcus and Cherie Milligan, of Ada, Okla.

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Red Natives win tourney

Red Natives coed softball team won the Ardmore Co-ed Tournament. They have won the tournament for the last three years. Team members are, front row from left, Todd Morgan, Alexis Lewis and Jules Custard. Middle row from left, Sara Jones, Kenny Morgan, Taylor Lacy and Michelle Hamilton. Back row from left, Clovis Hamilton, James (Boo) Ingram and Derek Hamilton. Not pictured are, Trent Cooper, Jodi Turtle and Kita Parnacher.

Court Advocate services now available in Ardmore, Ada, Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

CHICKASAW CULTURAL CENTER

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1,200 tribal citizens responded to a survey which asked for comments and suggestions regarding a Chickasaw Cultural Center. Language, beliefs, ceremonies, history and customs were among the most popular suggestions. Art and music, food and medicine, prominent Chickasaw men and women, and a living village with traditional dwellings were also mentioned.

Numerous informal requests by citizens were also considered during planning and construction. Building upon citizen requests, the Cultural Center utilizes live performances, high technology multimedia exhibits, and galleries as well as natural outdoor spaces to revitalize and preserve tribal culture for future generations.

"Chickasaws of all ages and from all walks of life contributed to the development of the center and the programming that will be available," said Gov. Anoatubby. "It is beautiful and provides an opportunity for us to tell the remarkable history of Chickasaw people.

"We want to not only preserve our history, but recognize that we have a living, thriving, growing culture to share with others."

Cultural Center Campus

The center features more than 96,000 square feet of indoor space, including an Exhibit Center, the Holisso Research Center, a large-format theatre, and an administration building.

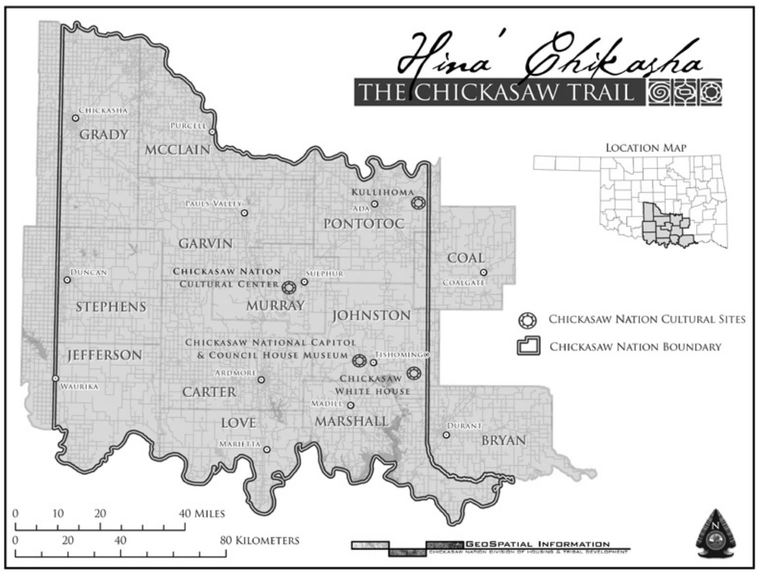
An amphitheatre, sky terrace, traditional village, and several water features, are featured on the grounds of the Cultural Center.

Inside the Exhibit Center, a replica of an 18th century Council House serves as an orientation theatre. The Council House will be more than 60 feet wide and will look similar to the buildings constructed in Chickasaw villages long before European contact in 1540.

Council houses were commonly used until the Removal of Chickasaws from their homelands in the 1830s.

Experiencing the Culture

Exploration of the **Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center** begins in a waiting area which features colorful mosaic tiles, trickling water, and a domed ceiling.



Visitors hear the beginnings of the Chickasaw story in an orientation film shown in a replica of an 18th century Council House theater.

After the film, the projection screen rises and visitors walk beneath a rock ledge and over a stream into the Spirit Forest, a place where technology and theatrical effects mimic the natural sights and sounds of a forest to tell the ancient Chickasaw story.

Designers of the Spirit Forest made use of an intriguing blend of realistic forest elements, technology and theatrical effects.

What is perhaps most striking when you enter the forest is the degree of realism of the physical components. Large grey boulders with splotches of green moss look, at first glance, as though they may have been trucked in directly from the forest floor.

The boulders line paths which wind among ferns, grass, saplings and gnarled roots rising out of the earth to support massive tree trunks. A spring of water trickles over a boulder into a small stone pool which empties into a tiny clear bubbling brook.

But the physical elements of the forest are only the beginning. Designers of the forest have concealed projectors, theatrical lighting, infrared motion detectors, timers, speakers and other advanced technological equipment within various elements of the forest.

Stories of ancient ancestors, mounds and artifacts and the separation of the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations are continued in separate galleries.

The interactive Removal area tells the story of the Chickasaw journey from the southeastern homelands to Indian Territory.

Visitors will experience the homelands to Indian Territory in a long corridor lined with sculpture of animals, people and vehicles. Changes in light simulate the changing seasons and recreate a moment in time during Removal.

A rear-screen projection simulates clouds moving across the sky. Voices in the background whisper thoughts Chickasaws may have had as they traveled from the woodlands of the homelands to the prairie of Indian Territory.

Another exhibit provides a glimpse into old Indian Territory. An exhibit featuring a representation of the trains the Dawes Commission used as offices while in the Chickasaw Nation will be presented.

Text, photos and objects pertaining to the pre-allotment and allotment periods will be interspersed throughout.

A variety of language learning stations are placed throughout the Exhibit Center. Touch the picture of an object, hear the Chickasaw word aloud and repeat the word into a microphone. Then hear your own voice speaking the Chickasaw word.

Visitors will also experience a stomp dance exhibit before returning to the main lobby of the Exhibit Center.

Sharing the Story

Throughout the center, visitors are encouraged to explore important aspects of Chickasaw life, including nature, spirituality, family, valor, learning and law through a variety of multimedia presentations as well as human storytellers and guides.

A large-format **Anoli' Theater** features a 40'x 60' screen and seats 350 viewers. The theater will serve as a venue to tell the Chickasaw story.

Sharing the Chickasaw story is not limited to the indoors. Outdoor spaces feature rich native vegetation, indigenous stone and trails, all situated near a pond and Rock Creek.

Other outdoor areas include demonstration gardens and a traditional life ways educational village featuring a number of traditional Chickasaw houses similar to those at Kullihoma. Areas will also be set aside for stomp dance and other traditional ceremonies.

"One important aspect of the Cultural Center is that it is inclusive," said Dr. Amanda Cobb-Gretham, administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture. "You don't have to be Chickasaw to benefit from a visit to the Cultural Center.

"Obviously, visitors have the opportunity to learn more about Chickasaw culture, but they also have the chance to learn more about Southeastern Native culture, which is also an important piece of American, Oklahoman, and Mississippian history."

A Taste of Culture

Located inside the **Anoli Theater**, the **Aaimpa Café** features an extensive menu including dishes inspired by traditional Chickasaw fare, such as pashofa, grape dumplings and Indian fry bread. Seasonal items such as possum grapes, wild onions and wild greens are also included on the menu.

The café will also incorporate other native recipes and selections such as rice and beans. Home-grown vegetables and herbs, grown in the Cultural Center greenhouse and demonstration gardens will be used in recipes. The indoor dining area can seat more than 200 people. An outdoor eating area, multipurpose room and catering kitchen is also available.

The **Aba' Aanowa Sky Terrace** will offer visitors a place to reflect and view the traditional village.

Traditional Chickasaw houses, including two summer houses, two winter houses, a large council house, a corn crib, a replica mound and a stockade fence are featured in the Traditional Village.

The grounds of the **Chikasha Inchokka' Traditional Village** will bustle with Stomp dances, stickball, storytelling, spirit lessons, language and cultural demonstrations and other traditional activities.

"The key to the Traditional Village and the Cultural Center is not just to see things, but to do things," said Dr. Cobb-Greetham. "The Chickasaw Cultural Center offers visitors opportunities to embrace the Chickasaw culture in many different ways. For example, on any given day, visitors can learn about genealogy, history, stomp dancing, cultivating indigenous plants, stickball, arts and crafts, and the list goes on. In addition, we will be constantly updating our programming so that as we share our culture, we can grow together."

Walk the woodland trails complete with interpretive exhibits and hear the gentle sounds of nature. Landscaping features trees and plants indigenous to both the Chickasaw ancestral homelands and Oklahoma and foliage was meticulously selected to conserve water.

An Academic Resource

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is also designed to be a clearinghouse for study, scholarship and research of Chickasaws, and Southeastern tribal culture and history.

The **Holisso Research Center** will house an extensive genealogy collection, photo archives and historic papers and serve as a center for all citizens to research their lineage.

The study center will be the premier facility for Chickasaw research, as well as overall Southeastern cultural study. Benefits of the study center will

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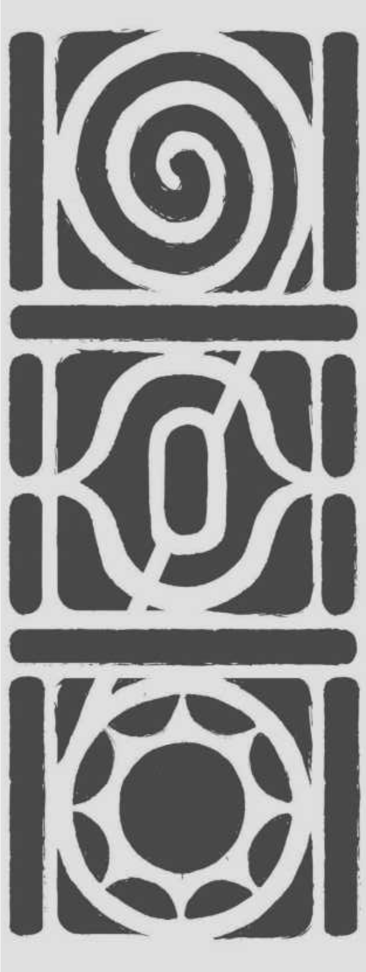
Getting to know our Chickasaw Cultural Center

The Mission of the Chickasaw Cultural Center

- To capture the essence of Chickasaw culture;
- To revitalize and share Chickasaw culture and traditions through cultural demonstrations, and community outreach activities;
- To preserve, protect, and add to Chickasaw history through archives, collections, and research;
- To provide educational opportunities to the Chickasaw people; and
- To share our unique culture with the world.



Cultural Center Logo

The Spiral. The spiral symbolizes the wind, which depicts life's journey from birth to the afterlife; like the wind, we are reminded of the many journeys of our people and our tribe.

The Sacred Eye. This symbol represents the eye of God (Aabiniili') or the all-seeing eye; the eye also signifies the Chickasaw worldview through which we observe the world.

The Sun. The sun is an ancient symbol that signifies rebirth or renewal; it also represents the giver of light and the heavenly realm.

Campus Facts

- The Chickasaw Cultural Center campus is located on 109 acres of land adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area near Sulphur, Oklahoma.
- Campus buildings include more than 96,000 square feet of indoor space.
- Outdoor spaces include an amphitheater, sky terrace, water pavilion, honor garden, and café porch.
- The Traditional Village buildings include replicas of a council house, summer house, winter house, corn crib, ceremonial mound, and stockade fence.
- The council house in the Traditional Village covers 3,000 square feet and towers nearly three stories tall.
- The large format Anoli' Theater includes a 60-foot high, 2,400 square-foot screen and seats 350 people.
- The 20,000 square-foot Holisso Research Center features state-of-the-art cold storage, artifact storage, an intake/decontamination room, a library reading room, and a rare book collection

Construction

- More than 300 miles of reinforcing steel weighing over 500 tons was used in the construction of the Cultural Center.
- Campus facilities include enough copper wiring to stretch from Sulphur to Tupelo, Miss., and back.
- There are approximately 1,000 lighting fixtures on campus and nearly 60 miles of audio/visual cabling
- Construction required 14,000 cubic yards of concrete - enough to build 200 three-bedroom homes.
- 430 two-foot diameter piers buried 70 feet into the ground anchor the structures.
- Wooden beams made of Douglas Fir grown in Oregon and milled in Florida adorn building exteriors.
- Stone quarried in Arkansas was used on building exteriors.
- The recreation of an 18th century Council House in the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center includes more than 600 feet of timber that totals five tons.
- The Council House timbers were prepared by Florida-based ThemeWorks Inc., whose portfolio includes Universal Studios and Sea World.
- Tile was imported from Scoula Mosaicisti Del Friuli in Spilimbergo, Italy.
- Landscaping throughout the campus features trees and plants indigenous to Oklahoma, as well as traditional Chickasaw homelands of the Southeast.

Technology

- Language Learning Stations (LLS) in the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center feature interactive touch-screen technology
- On each LLS, a visitor can touch the picture of an object, which triggers the computer to say the Chickasaw word aloud; the visitor repeats that word into a microphone, and the computer plays back the recording so the visitor can hear himself saying the word
- The Spirit Forest contains native plants and animals, running water, and interactive sights and sounds reminiscent of our Southeastern homelands.
- There are 60 sensors and 176 theatrical lights in the Spirit Forest.
- Lighting in the Spirit Forest changes from "day" to "night" in a matter of minutes.
- Sound and lighting effects in the Spirit Forest effectively mimic thunder and lightning.
- The Removal corridor tells the story of our terrible journey from our Southeastern homelands through multimedia experiences, paintings, and statues.
- A special screen in the Removal ceiling simulates clouds moving across the sky
- Strategically placed speakers project voices whispering thoughts about Removal.
- High definition film capability includes a 35/70 mm projector and a 15/70 mm projector.
- Anoli' Theater sound is delivered through a 22,000 watt speaker system.
- Headphones translate films into eight languages.

Language

- As much as possible, all signs, and even the buildings themselves, are named in Chickasaw.
- Many of the Café menu items incorporate Chickasaw words, such as the "Akanka' (Chicken) Sandwich".

Center Building Features

Retail and Administration Building

- The Souvenir Gift Shop will offer pens, pencils, post cards, and stationary; mugs and cups; t-shirts, blankets, and apparel; posters and maps; toys and puzzles; music CDs; Bedré chocolate; books; and jewelry.
- The Administration building will house offices for Cultural Center staff.

Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center

Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center

- Inside the Exhibit Center, guests will gather in a waiting room that features mosaic tiles, running water, and a domed ceiling with lighting effects.
- An 18th century, 1,200 square-foot Council House serves as an orientation theater; after a 20-minute High Definition film, the screen rises and visitors walk beneath a rock ledge and over a stream into the Spirit Forest.
- The Spirit Forest contains native plants and animals, running water, and interactive sights and sounds reminiscent of our Southeastern homelands.
- Exhibit areas feature "Indian country," the period of settlement after Removal, the Dawes Commission, Chickasaw governors, ancient Chickasaws, and Chickasaws today.
- A Stomp Dance Gallery features holograms and a glowing campfire that simulate our sacred, centuries-old stomp dances.

Holisso Research Center

- The Holisso Center, 20,000 square feet in all, is designed to be a research Mecca for not only Chickasaw scholarship, but Southeastern tribes, and Native Americans as a whole.
- The Holisso Center features genealogy and oral history workshops, educational spotlights, digitization events, lecture series, conferences/roundtables, and book signings.
- Climate and light controlled, the artifact storage room will protect genealogy collections, photo archives, and historic documents.
- **Anoli' Theater and Aaimpa' Café**

Theater

- With a 2,400 square-foot screen and the ability to seat 350 people, the theater will offer large-format entertainment that previously was only found in Oklahoma City or Dallas.
- The theater features a 22,000-watt speaker system, a 35/70 mm projector, and a 15/70 mm projector.

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· Headphones will be available to translate films into eight languages.

- The theater can show digital films in High-Definition (HD) with incredible detail; the movie *Pearl* was filmed in HD, so the Anoli' Theater can present the picture the way it was intended to be shown.
- Large-format films envelop your senses. The screen fills your eyes with colors and vivid images, and combined with surround-sound speakers, gives the patron a sense of being a part of the film.
- Ever-changing programming includes film and art festivals, script-writing workshops, film-making workshops, and question and answer sessions with producers and directors of films.

· **Café**

- The Café menu features appetizers, entrées, salads, sandwiches, soups, lunch specials, children's meals, and desserts
- Traditional Chickasaw fare will include grape dumplings, Indian fry bread, burgers and chili made from buffalo meat, and pashofa
- Seasonal items such as possum grapes, wild onions, and wild greens will be used. The café will also incorporate other native recipes and selections such as rice, beans, and some flours

- Home-grown vegetables and herbs, actually grown in the Cultural Center greenhouse and the onsite Demonstration Garden, will be used in recipes
- The Interior dining area is capable of seating more than 200 people; there is also an outdoor eating area, a multi-purpose room, and a catering kitchen

Aachompa' Gallery Gift Shop

· The Gallery Gift Shop will feature items created by Chickasaw artists including paintings, sculptures, carvings, books, jewelry, beaded items, and traditional dress

Kochcha' Aabiniili' Amphitheater

· The amphitheater can seat approximately 320 people

· The open-air amphitheater will host intertribal dances, living history performances, star stories, concerts, storytelling, and cultural presentations

Aba' Aanowa' Sky Terrace

· Extending from the Exhibit Center, the Sky Terrace overlooks the traditional village and stands 40 feet above grade - almost four stories

Chikasha Inchokka' Traditional Village

· The Traditional Village is comprised of a council house, two summer houses, two winter houses, a corn crib, a replica mound, and a stockade fence

· The large council house structure is 3,000 square feet and stands nearly three stories

· Two summer houses, approximately 300 square feet each, feature vented eaves to promote circulation of air

· Two round winter houses have a circular entrance, which is designed like a snail's shell to retain heat

· A raised corn crib stands four feet off the ground to protect stores from moisture and intruders

· The Village also features a replica mound about 20 feet tall, and the whole village is surrounded by a stockade fence

· Programming for the Village includes stomp dancing, storytelling, spirit lessons, language/cultural demonstrations, cultural classes, featured cultural instructors, food festivals, stickball tournaments, and stomp dances

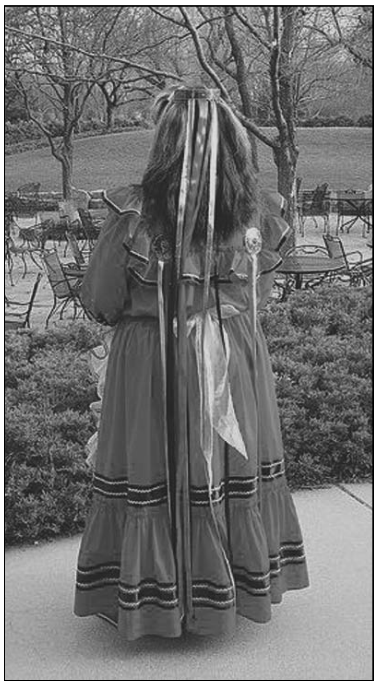
Honor Garden

· The Honor Garden is a quiet, reflective place, located next to the pond and across from the water pavilion

· With traditional landscaping elements and swirling walls, this peaceful area features laser cut photos of all Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductees

· The Honor Garden also features DMX lighting that has 1,600 different lighting combinations

How to make a traditional dress and traditional ribbon shirt



Women's Traditional Dress:

Our Chickasaw dresses are made from a cotton or cotton/polyester blend. Traditionally dresses were worn as loose, one-piece garments gathered at the waist with an apron and belt and length to sit at or slightly above the ankle. The additional features to our dresses include round yokes at the neck and a large ruffle at the bottom of the skirt. The sleeves of the dress can be open or gathered with a ruffle at the end depending on preference. We normally include two different colored rows of ribbons on a dress at the yoke and the ruffle of the skirt. Ribbons may also be added to the sleeve if preferred.

How to Make a Traditional Dress:

Step 1: Begin with Simplicity pattern 9012. This will serve as the basic bodice of the dress.

Step 2: From the basic design of this pattern you will add a 6" ruffle to the yoke. For the ruffle on the yoke, cut 2 strips of 6 inch fabric from fold to the side of material, sew the two ends together, sew ribbons on the edges and gather at the opposite end to sew to the yoke.

Step 3: You will add a 4 1/2" ruffle to the bottom of the dress. Making the length, just slightly above floor level.

Step 4: To complete your dress you will add ribbon to the outer edge of your collar, the outer edge of the bottom ruffle and the cuff of the sleeves.

Apron:

To sew the basic apron for your traditional dress, you will begin with simplicity pattern 3544. Aprons may also be adorned with ribbon around the edges. Pockets are preference of seamstress.

Men's Traditional Shirt:

Our Chickasaw men's shirt is an open neck shirt with a collar. Men's shirts are adorned with up to three three rows of ribbon around the chest area. The ribbon can also extend vertically in a loose form from the attached ribbon in chest area.

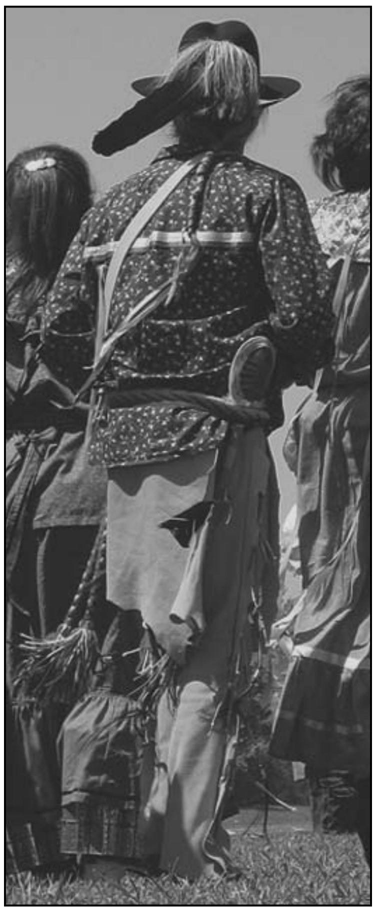
How to Make a Traditional Shirt:

Step 1: Begin with Simplicity pattern 5446, selection B.

Step 2: From the basic design of this pattern, you will add ribbon to the chest area (up to three colors).

Step 3: You will tack the ends of ribbon in a vertical pattern to align with the horizontal ribbon. Vertical ribbon will be loose from bodice of shirt.

Step 4: Ribbon can be added to the sleeves of the shirt if preferred. Ribbon will begin at the shoulder seam and run lengthwise to the cuff.



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be the expansion in the number of Native scholars, as well as an increase of knowledge among visitors, both Chickasaw and non-Chickasaw.

Situated adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, the Chickasaw Cultural Center is located 10 miles east of I-35 on Charles Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur.

The Cultural Center will open its doors to the general public on July 24.

For more information about the Chickasaw Cultural Center, log on to www.chickasawculturalcenter.com or call (580) 436-7265.

'Special Cultural Week' marks Chickasaw Grand Opening of Cultural Center

ADA, Okla. - Please mark your calendars for a series of special events during the week of Chikasha Reunion, June 4 through June 12, 2010, which will culminate with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the new Chickasaw Cultural Center before the general public.

Chikasha Reunion

Hundreds of Chickasaws and guests from across the country are expected to celebrate Chickasaw culture and tradition at the Annual Chikasha Ittifama (Chikasha Reunion) June 4-June 5 at the Kullihoma Stomp Grounds. An evening meal of hamburgers and hot dogs will be served on Friday, and a traditional meal will be served for lunch on Saturday, which will consist of pashofa, fry bread, salt meat, grape dumplings, and more.

There will be a variety of demonstrations of Chickasaw culture, including storytelling, bow making, stickball, beadwork, language, flute making, finger weaving, basket weaving, beadwork, and various other crafts. Along with stickball games, there will be archery and blow gun competitions as well.

To reach the site, turn right at the Kullihoma sign seven miles northeast of Ada on Highway 1, then travel three miles east and one mile south.

Chikasha Poya Cultural Week

The following week, June 7-12, will build on the momentum of events at Kullihoma and lead us into a very special set of activities at other locales around the Chickasaw Nation. Dubbed "Chikasha Poya Cultural Week," visitors will have the opportunity to visit important sites in Chickasaw history, culminating with the much anticipated "Chickasaw" Grand Opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma, on Saturday, June 12.

Between noon and 3:00 every day during the week of June 7 through June 11, the Capitol building and Council House Museum in Tishomingo and the Chickasaw White House in Emet will be hosting special events. Among other things, the Capitol grounds will host history trivia games and feature traditional storytelling. At the White House in Emet, there will be cold lemonade and games of croquet, both favorites of Governor Johnston.

To link all these sites, we are introducing a special activity called the Hina Chikasha (Chickasaw Trail). A map of the three locations is included in this issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on handouts available at each location. Any person who attends an event at one of the locales can check off the location on the map and will receive a notecard specific to that location. People who attend something at every location will have completed the Hina Chikasha (Chickasaw Trail). At the Cultural Center Grand Opening (see below), participants can turn in their notecards at the Time Capsule booth to receive a special commemorative item.

Chickasaw Grand Opening

This exciting week will conclude in a historic day at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Before the general public is allowed to tour the Center, all Chickasaws are invited to attend this grand opening event on June 12. Consisting of movies, cultural demonstrations, tours, and free meals, you won't want to miss this historic occasion.

A general overview of the Chikasha Poya Cultural Week schedule is as follows:

June 4-5: Ittifama Reunion, Kullihoma

Cultural Demonstrations
Youth Activities
Archery Competition
Blow Gun Competition
Squirrel Stick Throwing
Loksi Races
Stickball
Stomp Dancing

June 7-11: Activities at the Capitol, Council House, and White House

History Trivia Games—Council House and Capitol
Storytelling—Council House and Capitol
Lemonade and Croquet—Douglas Johnston White House

June 12: Chickasaw Grand Opening of Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur

See the following list of activities

Saturday, June 12: This special grand opening is exceptional in that it is for Chickasaws. As the final event during the week of Chikasha Reunion, we hope that Chickasaws from around the country can attend this event and together celebrate what it means to be Chickasaw. Doors to the center will open at 10:30 a.m.

This is your day to take in all that the Cultural Center has to offer and share these experiences with your family and friends. Please feel welcome to wear traditional regalia or elements of traditional regalia to commemorate this historic occasion. To get directions for making a traditional dress or ribbon shirt, follow this link or call Michelle Tingle at 580.436.7265.

10:30-7:00 Tours of the Exhibit Gallery, Chikasha Poya Exhibit Building—Begin in an eighteenth century, 1,200 sq. foot Council House that shows a 20-minute HD film; look for hidden treasures in the Spirit Forest; witness the pain and hardships of the Removal corridor; discover exhibit areas that feature "Indian country," the period of settlement after Removal, the Dawes Commission, Chickasaw governors, ancient Chickasaws, and Chickasaws today; and finish in a Stomp Dance Gallery with holograms and a glowing campfire.

10:30-7:00 Portraits of the Elders by Mike Larsen, Aatifama Room—Following up on the success of his first series of 24 elder paintings, "They Know Who They Are," Mike Larsen displays the second set of Chickasaw elder paintings. They will be featured in the upcoming publication from the Chickasaw Press, "Proud to be Chickasaw."

10:30-7:00 Cultural Demonstrations, Traditional Village—From stickball to bow shooting, traditional demonstrations will take place throughout the day in the Chikasha Inchokka' Traditional Village.

11:00 Friendship Dance, Kochcha' Aabiniili' Amphitheater—Led by the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe, feel free to join this traditional dance to celebrate our bonds as Chickasaws and to officially kick off our day together.

11:15 Opening Ceremony, Kochcha' Aabiniili' Amphitheater—It all starts with a welcome and introduction by Governor Anoatubby. Immediately following Governor's remarks, there will be a prayer and then the ceremonial ringing of the bell, announcing that lunch will be served.

11:30-4:30 Lunch, Aaimpa' Café.

11:30-7:00 Chickasaw Renaissance Book-Signing, Aatifama Room—Meet author Phil Morgan as he signs copies of his newest book, "Chickasaw Renaissance," the much anticipated sequel to Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable.

11:30-7:00 Aaholitopli Honor Garden Tours, Honor Garden—Visit this quiet, reflective place, located next to the pond and across from the water pavilion. With traditional landscaping elements and swirling walls, this peaceful area features laser-cut photos of all Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductees.

11:30-7:00 Time Capsule Contributions, Holisso Research Center—This is your last opportunity to make a contribution to the Time Capsule! Don't miss it. The time capsule will be buried very soon, only to **be opened after 50 years.**

11:30-7:00 Children's Activities, Traditional Village—Bring the kids to enjoy arts and crafts activities. This is also a good opportunity for them to create an item to place in the Time Capsule!

12:00 Behind the Scenes Movie, Anoli' Theater—This 15-minute film will be shown throughout the day. It gives viewers an insight into what the Cultural Center is and how it was constructed.

12:30 & 3:30 "Pearl" Movie Screening, Anoli' Theater—The movie about famous aviatrix Pearl Carter Scott will be featured in large-screen format at the Anoli' Theater. "Pearl," the first feature film produced by the Chickasaw Nation, won a prestigious Best of Show award from The Indie Fest and swept the feature docudrama category at the International Cherokee Film Festival.

Demonstrations, Kochcha' Aabiniili' Amphitheater

12:15 Choctaw Hymns—Join in as a choir sings some of your favorite spiritual songs from the Choctaw Hymnal.

1:15 Chipota Chikashshanompoli' Language Club—Chickasaw language students will be performing a skit and singing a song in Chickasaw. The children recently won first place for Group Spoken Language (Skit) and first place for Group Language with Music/Dance (Song) at the Native Language Fair in Norman, Oklahoma.

Living History Players—See our renowned acting troupe as they perform original plays and vignettes based on Chickasaw history, court cases, and family stories for audiences of all ages.

2:15 Storytelling—Traditional stories from Chickasaw history told by storyteller Stephanie Scott.

3:15 Flute Playing—Witness a demonstration of flute-playing techniques, as well as a short, "how-to" session hosted by Michael Cornelius.

4:15 Stomp Dancing—Traditional dancing led by the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe.

5:15 Evening Meal, Aaimpa' Café—After a prayer, the bell will again be rung, this time signaling that dinner will be served.

7:00 Closing—Buildings, exhibits, and demonstrations will all close for the evening.

Like a flower awakening from winter hibernation, the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma, is about to bloom. Be a part of Chickasaw history and attend a grand opening event—together, we can keep the fire of Chickasaw history and culture burning bright.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Administrator of the Division of History and Culture, at (580) 436-2603 or amanda.cobb@chickasaw.net.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located on Charles Cooper Memorial Road in Sulphur, one-half mile east of the Chickasaw Turnpike and Hwy. 7.

The Cultural Center will open its doors to the general public on July 24, 2010.

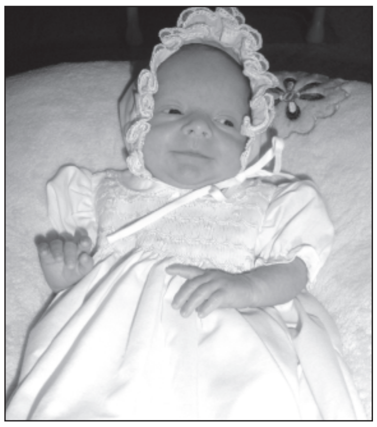
BIRTHS

Marcello Luis Benjamin

Marcello Luis Benjamin was born at 10:04 a.m., March 30, 2010 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Denver. He weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Marcello is the son of Norman and Yvonne Benjamin.

He is the grandson of Norman D. and Beverly Benjamin, Sr., Amolene Benjamin and Cecilia M. and Douglas Miller.

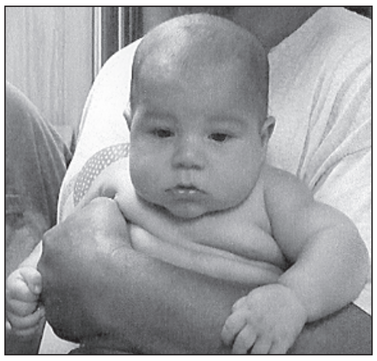


Alex Faith Gantt

Alex Faith Gantt was born March 2, 2010. She weighed 3 lbs., 6 oz. and measured 16.5 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Amy and Greg Gantt. She is the granddaughter of Mike and Connie von Tungeln, of Choctaw, Okla., and Virgil and Sharon Gantt, of Fittstown, Okla.

BIRTHDAY



Ronald Glynn Bailey

Ronald Glynn Bailey celebrated his first birthday April 24, 2010.

He is the son of Donald Bailey and Cynthia Pense. He is the grandson of Linda Tyson Boydstun, of Copperas Cove, Texas and Roy and Syble Ashley, of Wilson, Okla.

Ronald is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Elvie Tyson.

Luke Hearrell

Luke Hearrell celebrated his first birthday Feb. 9, 2010.

Luke is the baby brother of Triana, 17, Dakota, 12, Sierra, 12, Dylan, 10 and Peyton, 8.

He is the grandson of Joyce and Charlie Hearrell and the great-grandson of Sadie Hearrell.

A bundle of joy with stars in his eyes.

Val Egge 2009

1940

1961

Valla Dee Jack Egge was born at the old Delay Hospital in Sulphur, Okla., on May 16, 1940. This year, she celebrates her 70th birthday.

She graduated from Sulphur High School in 1958 and went to work for Bell Telephone Co. She enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1961.

She has always been very interested in her Chickasaw heritage and recalls when her father and grandmother, Walter Jack and Sugar Johnson Jack, would speak Chickasaw in the home. She wishes now she had learned the language. Her father and grandmother were original enrollees.

Mrs. Egge lives in Hurley, N.M.

Miles and Alma Jean Douglas

Douglases celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Miles and former Alma Jean (Franklin) Douglas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 23, 2010 with a family dinner hosted by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The couple was married April 23, 1960 at Marietta, Okla.

Miles is a retired farmer, and Alma is a lifelong domestic engineer and stay-at-home mom. The Douglases are faithful members of the Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, where they have served as deacon and deaconess for over 40 years.

Their eight children are Miles Anthony, of Wichita Falls, Texas; Vicki Douglas Whitaker, of Ardmore, Okla.; Marshall and wife, June Douglas, of Davis, Okla.; and Marsha and husband, James Robinson, of Okmulgee, Okla.; Norma and husband, David Barnes, of Oklahoma City; Roderick and wife, Tammy Douglas, of Ardmore; Craig and wife, Kelia Douglas, of Ardmore; and Chris Douglas, of Norman, Okla.

The Douglases have 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A formal reception in their honor will be conducted later this summer.

NEWS FROM LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW

Lauren John
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chuk-ma!

My name is Lauren John and I am your 2009-2010 Little Miss Chickasaw. I am eight years old and I am in the second grade at Hayes Elementary in Ada, Oklahoma. My parents are Thomas and Lisa John and I have a little brother named Trevor. My grandmother is Pauline Brown and we like to sew together when we can.

I have done many fun things since I became princess. I rode in the Chickasaw Annual Meeting parade, attended the Chickasaw Nation Christmas parties and met lots of other kids, and we went to San Diego.

I learned the Lord's Prayer in sign language. It took lots of hard work and we spent many days together learning it. I like to perform the Lord's Prayer because Jesus taught people the prayer a long time ago and we still say it today.

I have learned it is important to smile and wave when you are a princess. It is also important to meet people and say "hi!" I get to speak in front of crowds and introduce myself in Chickasaw. I like to speak to crowds because we want people to know who we are and that we are Chickasaw.

I am proud to be Little Miss Chickasaw. We get to do fun things and inspire others kids to be good.

The best thing about being a princess is showing other girls they don't have to be afraid to try out to be a Chickasaw Princess.

Yakoke!

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

John Michael Baker

Chickasaw swimmer hitting stride on 200 medley relay team

NEW ORLEANS - A Chickasaw swimmer anchored his 10 & Under 200-yard medley relay team to the finals at the 2010 Louisiana Short Course State Swimming Championships recently. The meet was in March at the Lakefront Arena on the University of New Orleans campus.

Nine-year-old John Michael Baker, of New Iberia, Louisiana, swam the freestyle leg following his team-mates Miguel Vasquez, Khaled Khattab and Lazar Papp. The boys finished eighth overall in the timed final event. John Michael has been swimming with the City of Lafayette Aquatics (COLA) Swim Team for a year.

He also competed in three individual events and helped the boys to a ninth place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay. COLA brought over 50 swimmers to the meet and the team finished eighth overall racking up over 1,600 points, their best finish at the state level.

With Chickasaw, Guatemalan, Egyptian, and Hungarian backgrounds, the boys' relay team is quite unique! The boys have become good friends this past year.

Thanks to the Department of the Chickasaw Language, John Michael has added "Toshpa Yopi" to his vocabulary. It means "Swim Fast" in Chickasaw.

Darcy Odom

Jaxy Odom

Chickasaw sisters named to All-District teams

Two Chickasaw sisters have been recognized for their basketball skills on their high school team.

Darcy Odom and Jaxcy Odom are both juniors at Albuquerque (NM) Academy.

Darcy has been named to the All-District second team and was an honorable mention on the All Metro team for the 2009-2010 season.

She was also selected by her teammates for the Team Award.

Jaxcy has been named honorable mention All-District for the 2009-2010 season.

The girls are the daughters of Chloe Shi Moore and Dennis Odom.

Oklahoma Synergy

The Oklahoma Synergy 12U Fastpitch Softball team won its first tournament of the season at the Edmond All-Sports Association. Synergy went 5-0 for the weekend to take home first place trophies in the Spring Kick-Off tournament. Back row from left, Coach Roger Bratcher, Cheyenne Woodward (Chickasaw), Hannah Nelson, Hannah Roberts, Perri Cole (Chickasaw), Kiersten Love, Allison Young, Coach Sean Cole (Chickasaw). Front row from left, Sarah Bratcher, Rachel Hurtz, Shelby Pogue, Savanah Reece, and Chelsea Alexander. Not pictured: Head Coach Heather Brady and Paige Brady.

Six generations of Chickasaws

Aiden Jones was greeted by five generations of Chickasaws making him the sixth generation. Back row from left, Aiden's great-grandmother Sherry Towell and grandmother Melissa Jones. Sitting from left, great-great-grandmother Charlotte Goins Newton, great-great-great-grandmother Margarite Goins (holding Aiden Porterfield) and mother Kerci Porterfield.

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Lori Hamilton and her son Damon recently enjoy a day at SeaWorld to celebrate Damon graduating from Head Start.

Damon Jefferson graduates Head Start

Damon Jefferson is a 2010 graduate of the Chickasaw Nation Ada Head Start Program. He is the son of Brad Jefferson and Lori Hamilton. The proud grandparents are Don and Deloris Jefferson and Betty and Harlean Hamilton.

Damon is our miracle baby.

At only three months old Damon underwent open-heart surgery. His tiny body fought with everything it had and he has blossomed into the most, loving and thoughtful little man that makes us so proud today!

Damon enjoys spending time with his mom and dad, playing in his room, hanging out with his cousins and is always willing to host family get togethers. Damon plays for the White Lightening soccer team and is also a member of the Ada Black Sox T-ball team. Damon's real passion is for music and Michael Jackson. His fascination for singing and dancing like MJ never ceases to amaze us.

Damon you are everything we've ever wanted in a son and you make us so proud every day. Set your goals high and never stop chasing your dreams! You will be an astronaut one day!

Congratulations on graduating from Head Start! Love your family!

Annual Sealy Family Reunion

Chickasaw National Park
Sulphur, Oklahoma
May 15, 2010: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

All Sealy families, relatives and family friends are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be Pot Luck
Bring photos and any game equipment!

For more information contact: Robin Fulsom (580) 421-9745; Suzanne Russell (580) 272-3574; LeRoy Sealy (405) 474-8657.

Welcome to 7th Annual

Memorial Day Gospel Singing

Monday May 31, 2010
Singing Starts at: 3 p.m.
Abiding Glory Church, Reagan, Okla.

Reagan is located on Hwy 7 – 5 miles west of Hwy 377. From Ada, Okla., take Hwy 377 south 35 miles. From Atoka, Okla., take Hwy 7 west 35 miles. From Tishomingo, Okla., take Hwy 377 north 9 miles to Hwy 7 west 5 miles.

Come early and enjoy an afternoon of great gospel singing and fellowship!

Concessions will be available
Supper at 5:30

To sign-up your groups of for more information call Ben Alexander at (580) 371-1514.

If you would like to bring food or make a donation for the supper it will be most appreciated!

Greg Hays with his family, from left, Caitlin, Kara and Alex.

Chickasaw executive joins Gates Corporation

Greg Hays, a Chickasaw, has recently joined Gates Corporation in Denver, as Vice President of Human Resources for Fluid Power.

He is the maternal grandson of the late N.B. and Lillian Blackwood Fowler of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma and paternal grandson of Mary Helen Hays and the late Harve Hays, of Wynnewood, Okla. His great-grandmother, Malinda Gibson Blackwood, was an original enrollee of the Dawes Commission. His grandmother, Lillian Blackwood Fowler, was the first nutrition specialist and a Charter CHR for the Chickasaw Nation. Mr. Hays' parents, Phil and Trish Hays, reside in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Hays has numerous aunts, uncles and cousins residing within the Chickasaw Nation.

Prior to joining Gates, Mr. Hays was with Avery Dennison for over 10 years. He traveled extensively in Europe and Asia while with Avery. He joins the Gates leadership team with global responsibility for HR operations leadership, strategy development and deployment in Fluid Power.

Mr. Hays, his wife, Kara and six-year-old daughter, Caitlin have recently relocated to Denver. The Hays' son, Alex, who lives in Oregon, recently visited them in Denver during Spring Break.

Mr. Hays was a two-sport (football and track) "All State" athlete in high school. He attended East Central University, and worked part time for the Chickasaw Nation. He graduated from the University of Southern Oregon with a degree in Business and Human Resources.

We are very proud of Greg with his accomplishments and know the Chickasaw Nation is proud of another successful Chickasaw Citizen.

McCarty Family Reunion

La Quinta Inn
2828 E. Arlington, Ada, OK
July 2 - July 4, 2010

Persons interested in attending may contact Richard Burton at (831) 635-0248 or email realburton@peoplepc.com

Carter Seminary - Bloomfield (Alumni) Reunion

The Carter Seminary – Bloomfield (Alumni) Reunion will be Friday, May 14 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Carter Seminary Gym.

This will be our last meeting at Ardmore so please try to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information call Dorothy Holt, Secretary at (580) 226-5184.

Johnson, Henry to exchange vows in June

Chad Henry and Sarah Johnson

Sarah Danielle Johnson and Chad Lee Henry, both of Ada, Okla., are exchanging wedding vows June 4, 2010 at the First United Pentecostal Church of Ada. The Revs. Daniel Johnson and F.R. Johnson will officiate the 7 p.m. ceremony.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Daniel and Brenda Johnson, of Ada. She is the granddaughter of F.R. and Olene Johnson, of Allison, Texas, Margie Foster, of Hennepin, Okla., and the late Hal Foster.

A 2005, graduate of Byng (OK) High School, she is a 2009 graduate of Gateway College of Evangelism with a bachelor's degree in music. She is a private piano instructor and employed at Vision Bank, Ada.

The future bridegroom is the son of Richard and Neatha Henry, of Ada. He is the grandson of the late Frank and Alma Henry, and the late Willie and Annie Lee.

A 2000 graduate of Vanoss (OK) High School, he graduated from East Central University in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is employed by the Chickasaw Nation.

Chisenhall, Reed to marry in Dallas

Jennifer Chisenhall and Dr. Chris Reed

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Chisenhall announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Chisenhall, to Dr. Chris Reed.

Ms. Chisenhall is the great-great-granddaughter of original Chickasaw roll member, Mattie Hardwick.

Dr. Reed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Reed, of Canton, Texas.

The wedding and reception are May 22, 2010 at the Women's Museum, Dallas.

Second Annual 'Dunn Run' May 29 in Tish

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Second Annual "Dunn Run" is set for Saturday, May 29 in Tishomingo. All vehicles are welcome.

The theme of this year's Dunn Run is "Searchin' for the Rainbow Poker Run." Registration begins at 10 a.m. at Pennington Park. First out is at 10:30 a.m. and last in is at 2:30 p.m.

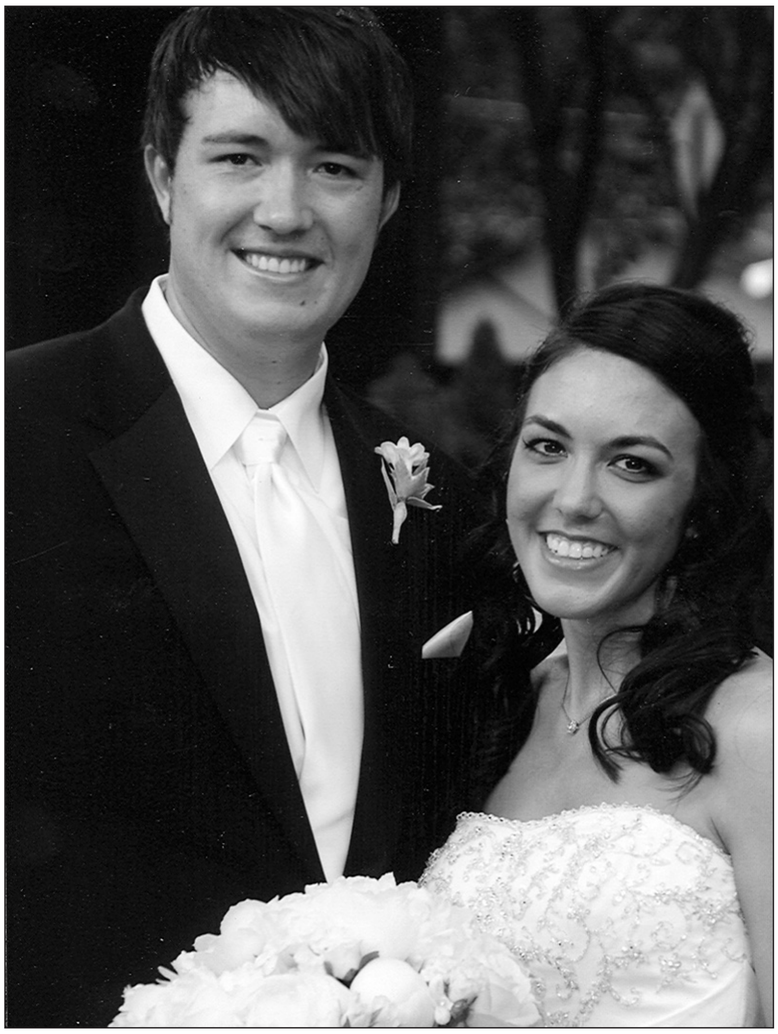
The registration fee is $25, and second riders are $15.

Prizes include $1,000 for first place; $500 for second place; and $250 for third. The worst hand will receive $250 and additional prizes will also be awarded.

The Dunn Run is an annual event that honors the late Mike Dunn. All proceeds benefit Relay for Life and the fight against cancer.

A great day is expected with music and food provided for all riders.

For more information, call Bill Shephard at (580) 387-9708 or Christie Byars at (580) 235-2586.



Mr. and Mrs James Michael Davenport

Cronin, Davenport marry in Little Rock

Sydney Lee Cronin and James Michael Davenport were married last summer in a ceremony at Our Lady of Holy Souls Catholic Church, Little Rock, Ark.

The bride and groom celebrated with family and friends with refreshments, live music, and dancing at a reception hosted at the riverfront Peabody Hotel. Following a southern Caribbean honeymoon cruise, the couple is at home in Southaven, Miss.

The bride is the daughter of Chris and Janet Cronin and Sandy and Walter Woodward, of the Little Rock area.

The groom is the son of Mike and Judy Davenport of Maumelle, Ark.

The bride holds a degree in biology from the University of Arkansas and a degree in nursing from the University of Tennessee. She is employed as a registered nurse at Le Bonheur Hospital, Memphis.

The groom holds a degree in biology from Lyon College where he was a member of the golf team and basketball team. He currently attending the University of Tennessee Health Sciences College of Dentistry, where he is a 2011 candidate for a doctorate degree in dentistry.

The groom is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and the grandson of the late Charley and Floreina Davenport, of Pauls Valley, Okla. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee the late Joseph Sealy.

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Chickasaw Public Health Service officer earns promotion

Rear Adm. Kevin Meeks

A Chickasaw citizen and Indian Health Service director has recently been awarded a Flag grade promotion.

Kevin D. Meeks was promoted to Rear Admiral Lower Half in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Rear Adm. Meeks was promoted April 5. His promotion was announced by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius.

Rear Adm. Meeks has served as director of the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service since 2009. He is responsible for the delivery of health services to over 318,000 Indians and Alaska Natives.

A career officer, Rear Adm. Meeks has over 23 years of experience in environmental health services, self-governance negotiations and public health.

He earned his bachelor's degree from East Central (OK) University and his master's degree from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Rear Adm. Meeks is the son of Laruth (Parker) Meeks, and the grandson of the late Bygimie (Perry) Parker, an original enrollee.

Chickasaw NCO retires from USAF

Master Sgt. Donald R. Lea, USAF, right, receives a commendation upon his recent retirement.

A Chickasaw non-commissioned officer has recently retired following 32 years of service.

U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Donald R. Lea enlisted on April 6, 1977 and retired on March 7, 2010. His first duty station was Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, Texas where he served with the 67th Field Maintenance Squadron.

In 1981 he elected to go on reserve status. Following a stint with the 924th Tactical Fighter Group working on F-4D fighters, he transferred to the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing where he dedicated many years to servicing F-4D, F-4E and F-16C/D fighter aircraft.

During his career, Master Sgt. Lea deployed to many locations to support the unit's flying and combat operations. He served in Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Puerto Rico, Kuwait, Italy, Denmark and Canada, as well as many stateside locations.

Master Sgt. Lea and his wife of 32 years, Cindy, live in Hurst, Texas where they are close to their four children and nine grandchildren.

He enjoys genealogy research, bow and rifle hunting, fishing, river rafting and woodworking.

Terry Matson takes third in karate tourney

Terry Matson

A teen Chickasaw martial artist has recently earned honors for competing in a long-established and prestigious tournament.

Terry Matson, of Sulphur, Okla., won third place in intermediate fighting at Jack Hwang's 46th All American Open Karate Championships in Oklahoma City.

Terry is a member of Sulphur's Oklahoma Black Belt Academy.

Gospel singing set for May 31 at Reagan

REAGAN, Okla. - The Seventh Annual Memorial Day Gospel Singing is set for Monday, May 31 at Abiding Glory Church in Reagan.

Singing begins at 3 p.m. and supper is at 5:30 p.m. There will also be concessions available.

Everyone is invited to come early and enjoy an afternoon of song and fellowship. You may bring food or make a donation for the supper, all of which is appreciated.

If you or your group would like to sign up for the event, please call Ben Alexander at (580) 371-1514.

The community of Reagan is located about 10 miles north of Tishomingo in Johnston County. From Ada, take State Highway 377 south to State Highway 7, turn west on Highway 7 and it is five miles to Reagan.

Chickasaw student crowned Miss Indian Oklahoma City U.

Ashton Glover says she comes “from a line of people who have worked really hard” and she needs to “continue that.”

Miss Glover, of Chickasaw and Choctaw heritage, was crowned Miss Indian Oklahoma City University 2010 Friday, March 5 in the Kerr McGee Auditorium in OCU Meinders School of Business.

The 20-year-old junior from Mustang, Okla., is working on a double major. Her academic success and her involvement in various extracurricular activities show her hard work.

A self-described math and science person, Miss Glover is studying cell and molecular biology with aspirations of working for the U.S. Indian Health Service.

She was inspired to serve Native Americans, she said, after a summer research program at the Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) her freshman year.

Ashton Glover

“I enjoyed working with Native people and it has become a passion in the last few years,” she said. “I want to continue my whole life.”

Miss Glover has also studied in Costa Rica, Peru, Mexico and Spain and worked with indigenous people there. Her experiences made her realize that “being able to speak the same language is very important,” and led to her second major in Spanish.

“If we could speak the same language, it would open up so many barriers,” she said.

Despite her busy schedule, Miss Glover said she always made sure “grades are taken care of first.”

With a 3.85 cumulative grade point average, she is a regular on the President’s Honor Roll.

Her family, she said, encourages her to “live life of a high moral standard.”

She also said she would “love to take some Chickasaw language classes” and was excited the Chickasaw Nation provided Services At-Large for Chickasaws living outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

Miss Glover’s platform was “educating Native Americans across campus to promote healthy lifestyles in our community.”

She is also raising awareness about math and science scholarships available to Native American students.

“Students would love to take advantage of these opportunities if they knew about them,” Miss Glover said. “There is so much that can be done in this area.”

Some of Miss Glover’s achievements are:

An active member of the Native American Society, Gamma Delta Pi, Alpha Mu Gamma, Blue Key Honor Society and OCULeads.

Native American Research Centers for Health scholar and a Great Plan scholar.

President of the Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society.

Colleges of Math and Science representative to the Student Government Association

Played on the OCU Women’s Varsity Soccer team for the last three years and recently joined the sailing club.

Miss Glover is the daughter of Brian and Sonya (Gibson) Glover, of Mustang, and granddaughter of late Herbert and Ethel (Perkins) Gibson. Mr. Gibson was an alumnus of Goodland Indian School.

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About Services At-Large

The Chickasaw Nation offers many programs and services to Chickasaws living outside the tribal boundaries. Most of these programs and services require Chickasaw citizenship. To learn more about the available opportunities, request a free copy of the 2010 Services @ Large directory at www.chickasaw.net or call (866) 466-1481 or (580) 436-2603

Facility offers unique concept, language emphasis

Tribal Child Development Center earns honor for design excellence

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center was one of approximately 100 nationwide projects recently selected for design excellence by Learning By Design magazine.

“The Child Development Center is a one-of-a-kind child care facility,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby. “It is an honor to receive this award and most importantly have the resources to provide quality child care services to Chickasaw families and surrounding community members.”

The Child Development Center was featured in the 2010 spring issue of the American School Board Journal’s Learning By Design magazine for a 2010 Outstanding Project award in the early childhood and elementary school category. The magazine recognizes the nation’s best education design and construction projects by publishing outstanding pre-kindergarten to 12th grade and college or university projects.

Chickasaw Nation Division of Education Administrator Lisa John said the center was truly a learning facility that fostered education and growth for each child.

“We wanted to develop a nurturing environment that provided many opportunities for children to learn and grow,” Mrs. John said. “We developed every aspect of this center with children and parents in mind.”

Chickasaw Nation Child Care Director Michelle Key said the Child Development Center’s design not only allowed opportunities to strengthen social skills and develop cognitive skills, it also helped develop a positive self-image for each child.

One example is Chickasaw language incorporated into the facility. Each hallway has a street name in Chickasaw.

“This is one aspect where the child can relate to the Chickasaw heritage and learn to have a positive image of who they are,” said Key.

Many parents and children attending the center have positive thoughts about the facility.

Ada resident Summer Key has two children attending the development center.

“My family is really pleased with the new center,” said Summer. “This facility provides more resources and opportunities for children than most daycares.”

The Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center began operation in May 2009. The facility accommodates up to 250 children ages six weeks to five years. Each room in the 26,700 square-foot center is modeled after a familiar building, such as a fire station, movie theater, post office or candy store. Familiar nursery rhyme themes, such as “London Bridge,” “Jack and Jill” and “The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe,” are echoed in murals throughout the facility.

Those contributed to the creation of the Child Development Center are the Chickasaw Nation, Boynton Williams and Associates, Piazza Construction and Fakkel Art. All entities played key roles in the development of the center.

For more information about the center, contact the child care department at (580) 421-7711 or visit www.Chickasaw.net

The Learning By Design magazine is a source for education design, innovation and excellence and is published twice each year. Learning By Design is an award-winning publication that circulates to more than 65,000 leaders and decision makers at all levels of education - from early childhood and elementary schools to career-technical, college, and university-level institutions.

For more information about the award, visit www.LearningByDesign.biz

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Chickasaw Nation Celebrates Week of the Young Child

Gov. Bill Anoatubby leads the parade in honor of the Week of the Young Child Monday, April 12.

Head Start students Riley Youngblood and Damon Jefferson hold their homemade noisemakers as they patiently wait for the parade to begin.

The Chickasaw Nation Child Care and Head Start celebrated the Week of the Young Child April 11-17. Many activities were conducted for the children attending the tribal Child Development Center and the Head Start program.

Celebrations began Monday, April 12 with a kickoff parade. Children from the Child Care and Head Start program marched from the Child Development Center to the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center and back. Children displayed decorated signs, carried balloons and marched with their homemade noise makers.

Other activities during the week included Little Olympics, a Fun Fair, a petting zoo, a balloon launch, hands-on activities and car seat checks.

The Child Care Department partnered with Safe Kids of Oklahoma to conduct the car seat checks. Approximately 20 parents, grandparents and community members participated in the checks. Through Safe Kids of Oklahoma, 13 car seats were provided to those in need of new car seats.

The Week of the Young Child is a national event celebrated each April and is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Department at (580) 421-7711.

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Child care teacher Sarah Hayes instructs Lisa Fredrick on securely installing a car seat during the Week of the Young Child.

Summer scholarship and grant applications due June 15

Don't miss your opportunity to receive college funding!

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education summer scholarship and grant application deadline is approaching. Completed applications are due to the Higher Education Department June 15.

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department offers scholarships and grants for full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate and doctoral Chickasaw students. The scholarships and grants assist students with tuition, and fees and books for those students pursuing a degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

The scholarship and grant summer semester application deadline is June 15, the fall semester deadline is September 1 and the spring semester deadline is February 1. Students must submit completed applications by deadline indicated each semester to be considered. Only completed applications received by the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department will be reviewed.

Scholarships and grants are available to all Chickasaw students regardless of where they live. Students must be Chickasaw and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card. Eligibility requirements vary depending on the type of scholarship or grant.

For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the higher education department at (580) 421-7711, deborah.hook@chickasaw.net or www.chickasaweducationservices.com.

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This could be you!

Chickasaw Princesses from left, Jr. Miss Chickasaw Alexis Walker, Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John and Miss Chickasaw Jessie Miller.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princess Program contact: Mary Hartley, Princess Program Coordinator, (580) 272-7710 or email mary.hartley@chickasaw.net

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Students gain hands-on engineering experience

Tribal robotics team Metal Mayhem wraps up season with good showing

Back row from left, mentors Jimpsey Factor, Brian Rumburg, Margaret Wise-Talamasey, Loraine Weems, Lynne Chatfield and Stan Townsend. Third row from left, mentors Jim Lawson and Sara Willie, honorary team member Elijah Gibson, team member Zachary Walker and mentors Stacy Oakley and Arles Oakley. Second row from left, team members Pierce Stevens, Kagan St. Clair-Shelton, Kelli May, Autumn Underwood, Mari Hulbutta and Clayton Warren. Front row from left, team members William Bonner, Shane Sellers, Nathan Wright, Lorenzo Charqueno and Joseph Dirrim.

The Chickasaw Nation Metal Mayhem robotics team wrapped up the 2010 season with two awards.

Through many hours of community service, robot building, practicing, research and competitions, Metal Mayhem ended the 2010 season with a Finalist Award and an Innovation in Control Award.

"The team worked hard this season and had a successful year," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We congratulate our students on the awards and appreciate the dedication and sportsmanship displayed during the year."

Metal Mayhem's season officially came to an end after the Oklahoma City Regional For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Competition March 25-27. Metal Mayhem was one of 54 robotics teams competing in the Oklahoma City Regional Competition. The team received the Innovation in Control Award. This award is presented to the team whose robot displays the best control mechanisms and most easily maneuvers through the playing field during competitions.

"Winning this award proved we had great control over our robot and that it was able to move freely throughout the course without difficulty," said lead engineer and mentor Stan Townsend. "Each year brings a new challenge to the table and we had a great year with the Breakaway challenge."

Metal Mayhem also participated in the Dallas Regional Robotics Competition March 18-20, where it won the Finalist Award. Metal Mayhem was among six teams among a 52-team field that advanced to the finals.

The Breakaway challenge was the theme for each FIRST Robotics Competition this year. The Breakaway challenge simulated the game of soccer. Robots competed by scoring goals and playing defense to keep opposing robots from scoring.

"We had a great robot this year and the team worked really hard preparing for competitions and participating in community service projects throughout the year," said Townsend.

Metal Mayhem's new season begins in June with team recruitment, organization of community service projects and preparation for the robot building season. Metal Mayhem is open to all freshmen through senior high school students interested in science, math, engineering and technology.

For more information about Metal Mayhem, contact the science, technology and math program manager Sara Willie at (580) 421-7711.

Metal Mayhem was formed through the FIRSTa national organization. The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to become science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. Through the FIRST Robotics program, students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

FIRST Robotics is known as a "varsity sport for the mind." It combines sport with science and technology. With limited resources, time limits and rules and regulations, teams are challenged to raise funds, design a team brand, develop teamwork skills and build and program robots to perform tasks for competition play. Students experience real-world engineering from problem solving to design techniques and technological challenges.

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March 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Jaxon Alberson

Jaxon Alberson

Jaxon, son of Robert and Kathy Alberson, of Stratford, Okla., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.

Jaxon is in the third grade at Stratford Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Angela Martin.

"Jaxon is an outgoing student who works hard to do well in class and to be a good athlete," said Ms. Martin. "I have enjoyed teaching him in school and church."

Jaxon's favorite subjects in school are physical education and reading. He also enjoys playing football, baseball and basketball. In addition, Jaxon loves going to church and is a member of Freewill Baptist Church.

"When I grow up, I want to be a coach or a vet and I want to live for 99 years," said Jaxon.

Brandon Bailey

Brandon, of Broomfield, Colo., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Student.

Brandon is a freshman at Broomfield High School in and was nominated by multicultural coordinator Mr. Alan Gray.

"Brandon has been an excellent student leader and representative for the Native American Youth Leadership Conference," said Mr. Gray. "He has done a good job of balancing academics, sports, social life and cultural growth."

Brandon is a member of the freshmen basketball team and junior varsity baseball team. He is also a member of the student council and is on the honor roll.

"My primary goal in high school is to remain on the honor roll all four years and obtain an academic/athletic scholarship to play Division I baseball," said Brandon. "While in college, I plan to earn a degree in sports medicine or physical therapy."

Amberly Burgess

Amberly, daughter of Shawna, Shane and Tyrone, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Tribal Language.

Amberly Burgess

Amberly is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Stephanie DelFrate.

"Amberly recently participated in the University of Oklahoma Language Fair and placed third in the singing and dancing category," said Ms. DelFrate. "She is a sweet girl who gives her all at everything she does."

Amberly likes to play basketball, Nintendo and listen to Taylor Swift.

"In the future, I want to play basketball or be a doctor," said Amberly.

Brooke Caudle

Brooke Caudle

Brooke, daughter of Michael and Kim Caudle, of Joshua, Texas, is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Brooke is a senior at Joshua High School and was nominated by yearbook advisor Ms. Laura Rafael.

"Brooke is the senior editor of the yearbook and is responsible for the design of our book," said Ms. Rafael. "She seeks responsibility and thrives when faced by a challenge."

Brooke has been on the yearbook staff for the past three years. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers at her school and church.

"I have chosen to further my education at Oklahoma Baptist University and I am going to major in kinesiology to be a chiropractor," said Brooke. "I have what it takes to make it; all I need is one chance to get there."

Johnathon DelFrate

Johnathon DelFrate

Johnathon, son of Terry and Stephanie DelFrate, of Stratford, Okla., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Tribal Language.

Johnathon is in the second grade at Homer Elementary School in Ada, Okla., and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Merry Monroe.

"Johnathon recently won many awards at the University of Oklahoma Language Fair," said Ms. Monroe. "He won first place in the spoken, singing and book language categories."

Johnathon is also a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and has perfect attendance.

"I like playing with my cousins, reading SpongeBob SquarePants, Scooby Doo Mysteries and spending time outside," said Johnathon.

Colton Dempsey

Colton Dempsey

Colton, son of Branum and Brittany Dempsey, of Byars, Okla., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Colton is in the fourth grade at Stratford Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Angela Martin.

"Colton is a great student who deserves to be rewarded," said Ms. Martin. "He is always focused on his school work and sets high goals for himself, which I know he will accomplish."

Colton won first place at the 4-H Speech Contest, has perfect attendance and has been on the honor roll every year at school.

Colton enjoys hunting and fishing with his dad and brother. He also enjoys playing sports with his friends.

"When I grow up, I want to go to college at Oklahoma State University and major in chemistry," said Colton.

Sarah Gross

Sarah Gross

Sarah, daughter of Mike and Samantha Gross, of Reagan, Okla., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Sarah is a freshman at Roff High School and was nominated by business teacher Ms. Jana Stewart.

"Sarah is a good student and hard worker," said Ms. Stewart. "She works in the after school program and does a great job with the young children."

Sarah's hobbies include playing basketball, riding horses and spending time with family and friends.

"My goals for high school are to have good grades, do well in basketball and make my parents proud," said Sarah. "After high school, I want to go to college and become a teacher or veterinarian."

Brandy Hatton

Brandy, daughter of Bruce and Kim Hatton, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.

Brandy Hatton

Brandy is in the sixth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by teacher Ms. Michelle Ellison.

"Brandy is a sweet, young lady who always wears a friendly smile," said Ms. Ellison. "She did such a great job on her science fair project that she gets to go to regionals."

Brandy likes spending time with her family and friends, going to the river and riding four-wheelers.

"I have all As in school and I own five daschunds and seven horses," said Brandy.

Melissa Keel

Melissa, daughter of Ricky Keel and Linda Geyer, is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Journalism.

Melissa is a senior at Stratford High School and was nominated by teacher Ms. DeAnna Petersen.

"Melissa is a joy to have in class," said Ms. Peterson. "She eagerly takes on any task and always has a positive attitude."

Melissa's passion for writing began long ago when she was in the fourth grade. Consequently, she wrote her first story when she was in the sixth grade. She aims to turn her writing skills into her future career.

"After high school, I plan on attending East Central University in Ada, Okla., to earn my general education," said Melissa. "After ECU I plan on transferring to the University of Oklahoma and majoring in professional writing."

Quaid Rich

Quaid, son Bryan and Veronica Rich, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in FFA.

Quaid is a freshman at Latta Junior High and was nominated by FFA advisor and agriculture education instructor Mr. Jeff Moore.

Quaid Rich

"Quaid has been a student in my agriculture education classes and has maintained an A average in all of his class work," said Mr. Moore. "Quaid is also very active in our FFA chapter and is serving as the chapter treasurer."

Quaid has participated in the state and national FFA conventions, State FFA Alumni Leadership Camp, Made for Excellence Leadership Conference and FFA Day at the state capitol.

Quaid enjoys playing golf with his friends and roping with his dad.

"I learned to play golf at the Chickasaw Nation Golf Camp and have liked playing ever since," said Quaid. "Last summer I worked as a Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth for the Cedar Creek Veterinary Clinic and enjoyed learning all the aspects of being a veterinarian."

"I plan to attend Oklahoma State University to pursue my dream of becoming a veterinarian and would like to be on the rodeo team at OSU," said Quaid.

Vincent Turner

Vincent Turner

Vincent, son of Jeffrey and Carie Turner, of Tualatin, Ore., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

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Chickasaw Nation Intern Spotlight

Tribal intern Richard Heller completes work at NASA facility, enters MIT graduate program

Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Chickasaw Nation intern Richard Heller during internship orientation in May 2009.

Richard Heller, of Portland, Texas, is a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Mr. Heller graduated from the University of Oklahoma in May 2009. Following graduation, he participated in the Chickasaw Nation Internship Program. His internship took place at the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

At the NASA facility, Mr. Heller worked on a power requirement study for a lunar oxygen production module.

He was mentored by NASA senior chemist Al Hepp.

"During his internship, he completed three analytical studies, one of which was published in a professional society (AIAA) conference proceeding," said Mr. Hepp. "He also presented the work and did an excellent job. There is no question that Richard will be a leader in his field."

The internship experience, Mr. Heller said, helped to prepare him for the future.

"I gained a better understanding of the jobs an engineer can pursue after graduating from school," he said. "I also gained contacts within NASA, which can be extremely useful in looking for a job, scholarship or fellowship."

The benefits of a high level internship, Mr. Heller said, are many.

"It gives you a glimpse into the types of jobs that are available so you can find the right one," he said. "Internships create real life experiences and can be great to add to your résumé."

Mr. Heller's advice to students who are looking for an internship is to start early and be professional any time there is a potential employer around. Try to get the internship you want, he said, but if you are unable to, make sure you have a backup. Having an internship on your résumé, he said, can help you get the internship you really want later.

Through the tribal internship program, the tribe provides each student with a six- to eight-week internship opportunity, bi-weekly pay, one round-trip airline ticket to the internship site and housing accommodations.

The internship program is conducted at different times throughout the year in locations determined by the Chickasaw Nation. Students apply and are selected by a selection committee. The tribal Division of Education staff works with the students and employers to determine internship timelines and specifics.

To qualify for the program, applicants must complete an internship application and submit all documentation to the Chickasaw Nation Internship program coordinator. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 and be full-time Chickasaw college students enrolled as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student.

For more information, contact the internship coordinator Chenae Lippard at (580) 421-7711, chenae.lippard@chickasaw.net or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Vincent is in the fourth grade at Byron Elementary School and was nominated by teacher Ms. Deborah Eissinger.

"Vincent puts a lot of effort into his assignments and always turns his work in on time," said Ms. Eissinger. "He excels in math and reading."

Vincent enjoys riding his bike with his little brothers, LEGOs, Star Wars action figures and playing basketball. He is also active in the youth group at his church.

"I want to be a doctor when I grow up, so I can help people heal," said Vincent.

John West

John, son of Jared and Lavonna West, of Francis, Okla., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Tribal Language.

John is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian education coordinator Ms. Stephanie Del-Frate.

John West

"John is a great student who recently placed third at the University of Oklahoma Language Fair in the singing and dancing category," said Ms. Del-Frate.

John lives on a farm with his family. He helps raise chickens, cows and goats. He also collects Hot Wheels and enjoys going to Oklahoma City Thunder games.

"I plan to be a scientist when I grow up," said John.

Daniel Wilburn

Daniel Wilburn

Daniel, son of Steve and Liz Wilburn, of Ada, Okla., is a March 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in DECA. Daniel is a senior at Latta High School and was nominated by marketing teacher Stacy Oakley.

"Daniel recently received the Infinity and Beyond Award for the Oklahoma State DECA Program for his services before and after all of the conferences," said Ms. Oakley. "He is now considered the Most Valuable DECA Member in the state of Oklahoma."

Daniel is also the president of Latta's DECA chapter (a marketing association that teaches students about marketing, management and entrepreneurship), co-leader of the junior high Fellowship of Christian Athletes, vice president of the high school FCA and is a member of student council.

"I have always tried to put service above myself in everything that I do," said Daniel. "In the future, I plan on going to Oklahoma Baptist University and majoring in applied ministry."

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Time and talent contributed across Chickasaw Nation

Tribal senior site volunteers honored, elders enjoy talent show

Members of the Chickasaw Nation senior center in Ada perform their version of "Hee Haw" during a talent show conducted as part of the annual senior volunteer awards.

Rufus and Ramona Eyachabbe of the Ardmore site sing traditional Choctaw hymns.

Elders from Chickasaw Nation senior centers gathered in Ada April 19 to be recognized for their volunteer service.

Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel welcomed the seniors. Things are made possible by people giving of their time because they want to, he said, not because they have to.

"This is a time to thank them for those sacrifices that have brought us to where we are today," he said.

Among those honored were this year's Shining Star Award recipients.

"These are the people who go above and beyond to help the staff and their fellow seniors," said Stacy Wesberry, senior information manager. "Their contributions can't necessarily be counted in hours, but they truly are shining stars."

Those receiving the Shining Star Award were Larry Skinner, Achille; Claude Miller, Ada; Elsie Taylor, Ardmore; Doris Davis, Connerville; Jim Dryden, Duncan; Bessie Smith, Kullihoma; Sue Richards, Madill; Linda O'Hagen, Oklahoma City; Melvin Crabtree, Pauls Valley; Lee Crossley, Purcell; Cricket Tillery, Sulphur; and Sadie Hearrell, Tishomingo.

Division employees were also recognized for their years of service to Chickasaw Nation elders. Caroline Holt from the Tishomingo senior center and Verlene Jackson from the Ardmore center were honored for 10 years of service and Betty Hamilton, manager of the Kullihoma senior center and Stacey Wesberry were recognized for their 15 years of service.

Senior center volunteers recognized included:

Achille

299-200 hours – Larry Skinner

199-100 hours—L. Kay Anders, Mary Barcenas, Barbara Beshirs, Olene Beshirs, L.D. Love, Dolly Nichols and Katrinka Skinner

99-25 hours—Harold Anders, Joe Beshirs, OC Beshirs, Patricia Goodin, Deloyd Hicks, Neva Hodge, Marla Kelsey, Barbara Long and Doris Sutterfield

24-0 hours—Jackie Dobbins, Rosa Gilmore, Yankee Jack, Truman Marris, Flora Mead, Hearl Mead, Bernice Sweeney and Virginia Wyche

Ada

500+ hours—Carol Stout

400-499 hours—Betty Brown

300-499 hours—Virginia Bowers, Henry Patrick and Merle Stick

199-100 hours – Margaret Melville, Ruby Scott, Ann Thompson and Pat Cox

99-25 hours—Anita Hearrell, Robert Horton, Claude Miller, Nadine Owens, Beaulah Shavney, Emilea Stephens, Merle Sticks and Ruthie Ellis

24-0 hours—Alma Lilliard, Artie Cooper, Bill Timothy, Carole Davis, Charley Russell, Donna Long, Ginger Paulk, Jeannie Coplin, JoAnn Miller, Leon Thompson, Mildred Green, Nell Goforth, Patsy Perry, Rose Jefferson, Ruth Hancock, Sharon Zack and Suzanne Russell

Ardmore

300-399 hours—Elsie Taylor

99-25 hours—Sammie Jacks and Roy Perry

24-0 hours-Shirley Hays, Shirley Perry and Wilma Watson

Connerville

199-100 hours—Jane Ferris and Lou Norman

100-299 hours—Billie Easterling, Doris Davis, Jane Ferris, Judy Fisher, Welborn Gross, Catherine Pendergraf, David Poe, J.C. Poe, Sharon Poe, Jim Reed, Lillian Underwood, Bill Whelchel, and Imogene Whelchel.

99-25 hours—Judy Fisher, Welborn Gross, Dawatha Easterling, Billie Easterling, Doris Davis, Jimmy Reed and Trecia Alford

Duncan

500+ hours—Jim Dryden

299-200 hours—Mike Lawrence

199-100 hours—Earl Sandlin

99-25 hours—Lee Bishop, Mary Frances Cox, Virginia Cox, Bob Schwenn, Lou Jean Stephens, Robert Stephens and Dorothy Whitfield

24-0 hours—Jerry Absher, Rueben Alexander, Dale Amerman, Harriet Amerman, Katherine Barrick, George Battles, Everett Bedford, Patsy Bedford, Ramona Bishop, Norma Bowers, Betty Bradley, Huberta Bradley, Lloyd Bradley, Anita Bumgarner, Bob Bumgarner, Berdine Carter, Tom Carter, Quanah Cox, JoAnn Darter, Linda Davis, Pauline Dove, Jean Ann Dryden, Betty Edwards, Betty Foster, Jerry Hart, Helen Hart, Clyde Headley, Dewey King, Patsy King, Judy Lawrence, Bob Leverett, Clara McFarland, Beverly Mood, Jean Parks, Jerrie Payne, Richard Payne, Pat Payne, Jane Reading, Cheryl Sandlin, Dee Schwenn, Leonard Sealey, Margie Sealey, Josephine Shaw, Ken Shaw, Karen Simmons, Vernon Don Simmons, Bentley Singleton, Glenda Singleton, Kathleen Stoner and Melvin Stoner

Chickasaw elder Margaret Melville, or "Minnie Pearl," entertains with a stand-up routine.

Kullihoma

99-25 hours—Dean Starns

24-0 hours—Leon Brown, Sandra Brown, Marie Frazier, Helen Sanders and Bessie Smith

Madill

99-25 hours—Yvonne Harper, Marci Jones, Ruth McAdoo and Sue Richards

Oklahoma City

299-200 hours—Pat Bartmess

Pauls Valley

399-300 hours—Lou Carlton

299-200 hours—Barbara Holt, Donnel Summers

199-100 hours—Melvin Crabtree and Magdelene Montgomery

99-25 hours—Betty Crabtree, Anetta Hensley, Mary McCurley, Ronald McCurley, Gilbert Morris and Carol Reed

24-0 hours—Juanita Boney, Don Cregger, Carolyn Claxton, Bart Hensley, Elwanda Loyd, Barbara Johnson, David Johnson, Myrna Morris, Mary Lou Nichols, Bob Nichols, Pauline Rodke, Henry Rush, Mary Rush, Ed Scally, Janet Smith, Lana Smith, Sandy Strickland and Geraldine Sweetman

Purcell

399-300 hours—Lee Crossley

199-100 hours—Mollie Perry

99-25 hours—Ruby Adkins, Kenneth Evans, Mary Hayes, Lenora Hobbs, Hank Ivester and Octavia Shackleford

24-0 hours—Ida Elliot, Rondall Elliot, Mary Evans, Wanda Farrow, Ruthelen Ivester, Betty Robison, Ernestine Tolleson, Bonnie Watkins and Jerry Watkins

Sulphur

399-300 hours—Edina Williams

299-200 hours—Betty Clark, Clarence Imotichey and Jerry Ridley

Tishomingo

299-100 hours—Sadie Hearrell, Barbara Hook, Georgine Hotema, and Virginia Mills

199-100 hours—Sadie Hearrell, Barbara Hook, Georgine Hotema and Virginia Mills

99-25 hours—Ramona Eyachabbe, Rebecca Kingsberry, Bill Mills, Mary Lou Nichols, Bobby Payne and Leona Wilson.

24-0 hours—Marie Beck, Caroline Burklin, Rufus Eyachabbe, Francis Rowe, Nettie Russell, Georgia Stufflebean, Shirley Tims, Norman Truett, Sherri Truett and Jerry Underwood.

After the awards ceremony and lunch, participants traveled to the McSwain Theatre for a talent show. Acts included everything from Hee Haw spoofs, gospel singing and a Bob Wills tribute.

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Kids produce lots of great art, composition

Children celebrate benefits of art during Youth Art Month

Research has shown the use of art in education is beneficial in students' progress in other areas, including reading and math.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities celebrated this important role of art in education with the Youth Art Month Celebration last month.

"Art Shapes the World" was the theme as more than eighty of children of all ages participated in several fun and educational booths provided by different departments of the Chickasaw Nation.

"We hoped to achieve a fun way to celebrate while advocating for the arts," said Laura Stewart, Director of Arts in Education.

Aubrey Sartors, a kindergartener from Sulphur, Okla., enjoyed creating her own book at the booth sponsored by the Chickasaw Press.

"It was my favorite," she said, "I wanted to paint on all of the pages."

The Information Technology Department sponsored a photo booth where students could use software to manipulate their own image. The Nutrition Services Department provided whole-grain waffles for participants to decorate. Other activities were sponsored by Youth and Family Services, Education Services, Environmental Services and the Chickasaw Youth Leadership participants.

Chickasaw Children's Choir and drama performances were also presented.

Etching a bookmark was the highlight of the day for Trenton Way, a fourth grader from Healdton, Okla.

"Making this bookmark is really fun," he said. "I'm ready to use it when I read."

Laura Clark, Humanities and Literary Arts Coordinator for the Division, announced the winners of the Creative Writing Contest. Oklahoma State Poet Laureate Jim Barnes was on hand to present the awards.

This year's theme was "Destined for Greatness in the 21st Century: Challenges & Solutions for Modern Indian Youth." Writers submitted works in poetry, narrative, essay, and short story categories. Division I included grades 6 through 8, Division II, grades 9 through 12, and Division III is comprised of young adults through age 24. Winners included:

Division I

Short Story-

1st Place, Mariah Johnson, Ada, Okla.

Poetry: 1st Place, Whitney Givens, McKinney, Texas.

2nd Place, Lexi Sanchez, Roff, Okla.

3rd Place, Michaela Milligan, Ada.

Honorable Mention, Michaela Milligan, Ada.

Narrative:

1st Place: Maren Gillet, Springfield, Missouri.

Essay:

1st Place, Elisa Redman, Wanette, Okla.

2nd Place, Katelynn Russell, Maysville, Okla.

Division II:

Short Story:

1st Place, Ashley Vance, Austin, Texas.

Poetry:

1st Place, Cheyenne Durant, Pierre, South Dakota

1st Place, Mercedes Milligan, Ada.

2nd Place, Tasheena Miller, Mill Creek, Okla.

3rd Place, Ashley Vance, Austin.

Honorable Mention:

Joseph Johnson, Lone Grove, Okla.

Sarah Gross, Mill Creek.

Micah Gross, Mill Creek.

Narrative:

1st Place, Meredith Stuart, Katy, Texas

Essay:

1st Place, JJ Stewart, Roff.

Division III:

Short Story-

1st Place, Joel Hamdy, Blanchard, Okla.

Poetry-

1st Place, Taylor Marlow, Norman, Okla.

2nd Place, Joel Hamdy, Blanchard.

3rd Place, Joe Thomas, Norman.

Honorable Mention, Kelsie Craddock, Norman.

Narrative-

1st Place, Joel Hamdy, Blanchard.

Essay-

1st Place, Joe Thomas, Norman.

Participants in the 2009 session of the Arts and Humanities Design and Marketing Class were also recognized. They were Addison Manning, Skylar Nucose, Micah Hart, Mercedes Milligan and Ryan Rico.

Stewart also said that the celebration is great opportunity for representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to support the arts and create opportunities for creativity.

"The division would like to thank those who assisted this year," she said. "The success of this event could not have happened without them."

Established in 1961, Youth Art Month is sponsored by The Council for Art Education, Inc. (CFAE) and ACMI. It is celebrated each March to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children.

For more information, contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Alex Westmoreland with his mini stickball sticks.

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Maren Gillet receives a medal from Oklahoma State Poet Laureate Jim Barnes for her achievement in the 2010 Creative Writing Contest.

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Elementary students enjoy various activities during After School program

Exercise, fun and education were on the agenda for a number of Ada-area school-age Chickasaw students. The kids participated in the Chickasaw Nation After School program March 29 through May 7.

The six-week program, offered twice a year, focuses on creating opportunities for Chickasaw students. Chickasaw kids ages seven to 13 learn new skills and knowledge, exercise and develop a healthy lifestyle.

A different activity is planned for each day of the week, including swimming, fitness, martial arts, lessons on culture, nutrition, and trips to Lazer Zone.

A total of 30 kids from around the Ada area took part in the program this spring.

Fifth-grader Jayson Morgan, who has participated in the program for several years, said he looked forward to the After School Program.

"I learned how to make healthy snacks, and I learned new Chickasaw words while playing a game," he said. "It is fun."

Jayson always looks forward to the Friday trips to the Chickasaw Nation-owned family fun center, Lazer Zone, in Ada.

Jayson attends Willard Grade Center in Ada.

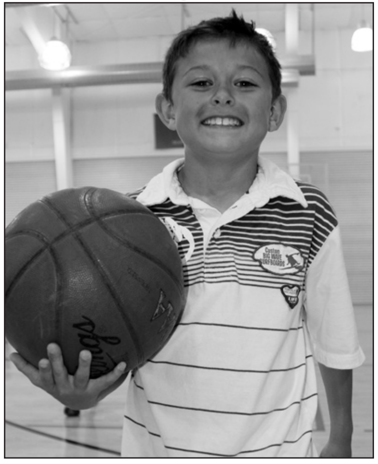
Jordan Willis, a third-grader from Homer School, said he had "learned lots about nutrition and stuff," in the program.

Students also heard presentations from the FIRST robotics team and learned about diabetes prevention.

"I am having a good time," said Mekko Postoak, a Homer fifth grader. "It's my first time and I love going to Lazer Zone."

Nine-year-old Dawson Lyon said she always looked forward to the After School Program. Her favorite part of the program? "Shooting basketballs in the gym."

The After School Program is free of charge and will be offered again in the fall. The hours are 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admittance is on first come, first served basis for Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees' children.



Jordan Willis enjoys shooting the basketball during the Chickasaw Nation After School Program, which is conducted twice a year by the Division of Youth and Family Services. Jordan is a third grader at Homer Elementary in Ada, Okla.

For more information, contact Matt Folsom at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Chickasaw wins OKC Marathon

Chickasaw runner Josh Stewart as he wins the OKC Memorial Marathon. Photo courtesy of John Clanton, The Oklahoman

Josh Stewart, a Chickasaw runner, is the winner of the 10th Annual Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon.

The 24-year-old Ada native completed the 26.2 miles in two hours, 34 minutes and 26 seconds. The race was run April 25.

"I'm not going to lie, I wanted this one bad," he told *The Oklahoman*, after the marathon.

Last year, he finished second with a time of 2:39.30.

A senior at Cameron University, Stewart hopes to make the 2012 U.S. Olympic marathon team, he told *the Chickasaw Times* last year. He also plans on getting a master's degree in physical education.

Stewart has won numerous track and cross country events as a Byng High School, East Central University and Cameron University athlete. He is also a four-time All-Lone Star Conference selection and went to the nationals with his ECU team in 2005, according to Steve Sawyer, head coach of the ECU men's and women's cross country teams.

Sawyer, who has known Stewart since he was a senior at Byng, describes Stewart as a "hardworking and down-to-earth guy," who deserves everything he has achieved.

Stewart's high school coach Clint McGaha agrees.

"He is very dedicated and self-motivated," McGaha said. "He does everything that is asked of him, plus some."

The Annual OKC Marathon commemorates the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, in which 168 people died.

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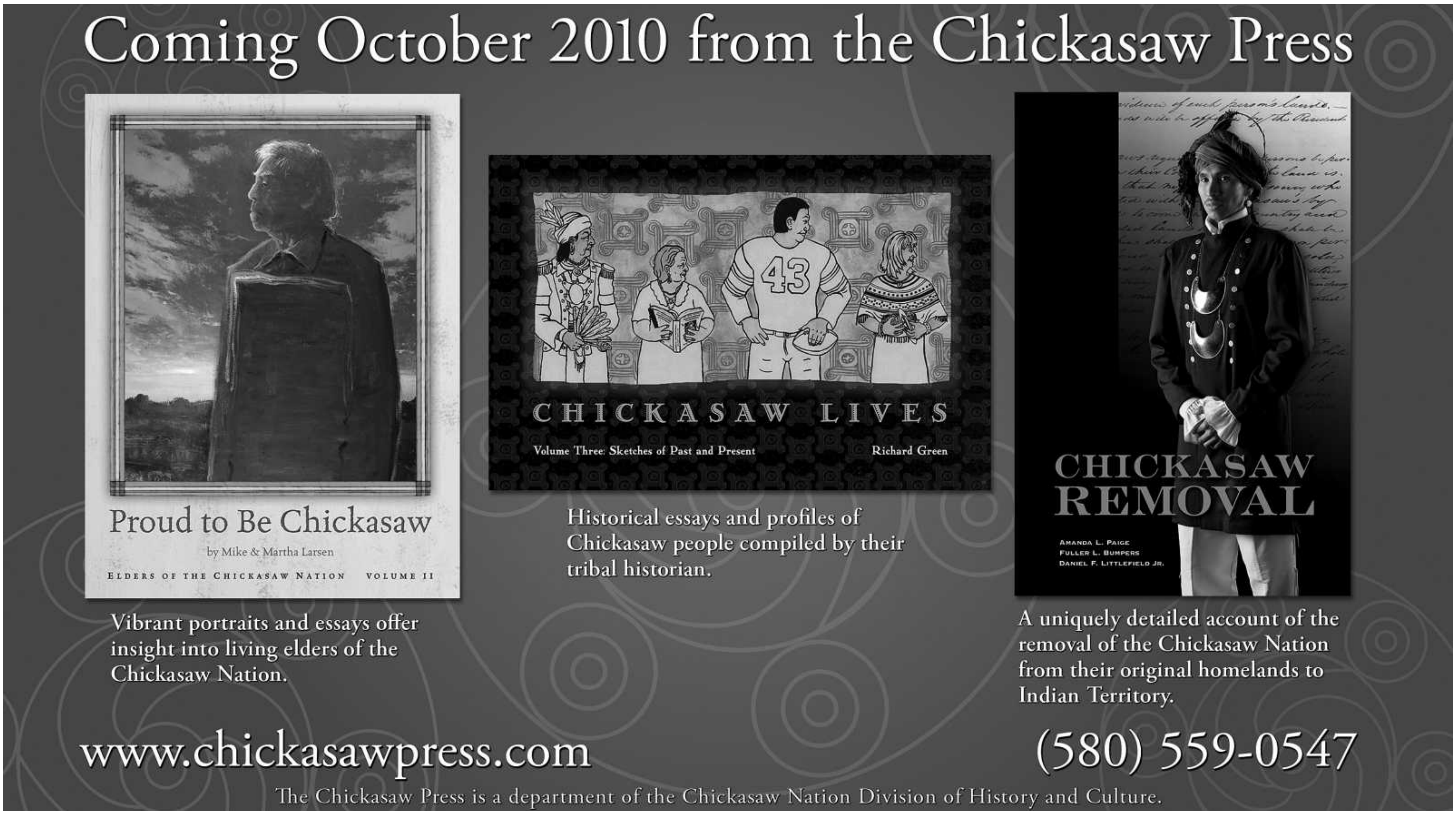

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Chickasaw women creating productive lives with help of tribal programs

Gena Brown

Ronda Sockey

Tara Brown

Overcoming adversities and excelling with flying colors – that is the story of three Chickasaw women.

Gena Brown, Ronda Sockey and Tara Brown, Chickasaw Nation School to Work Program students, know all about facing difficulties. They also know the historic Chickasaw traits of perseverance and hard work can turn lives around.

It's about second chances

Someone gave Gena Brown a second chance. Now she wants the same for others, too.

The 41-year-old mother and grandmother, who moved to Ada 14 months ago from an abusive and drug-filled environment, said she is "in a good place now."

After living in the Chickasaw Nation's women's shelter for five months, she was hired at the tribal Career Development Initiative. A desire to get an education encouraged her to apply to the School to Work Program. She was selected last September.

A sophomore at East Central University, Gena believes her double majors in criminal justice and human resources go hand in hand to make her a good case manager and "help the inmates turn their lives around."

"I want to work in a program like Career Development or a probation office so that people who deserve second chance get it," Gena said. "I want to let them know that someone cares and you can turn yourself around."

A milestone in Gena's academic career was being accepted into East Central's prestigious Inside Out Prison Exchange program, which accepts only about 20 students, mostly juniors and seniors. In this program, Gena will have the opportunity to take a weekly class in Lexington Assessment and Reception Center. She will work with Lexington inmates and learn more about their environment.

Gena said she was encouraged to go back to school because of her family.

She said her decision to go back to school "is going to help them out."

She also said she was so focused on her education right now she was not worried about anything else, not even getting a driver's license and a car.

"I am not worried about anything else," said Gena, who walks everywhere.

She attributes the positive changes in her life to the Chickasaw Nation.

Gena works at Oklahoma Optical, where she is learning "team work, work ethic and getting along with everyone."

Been in their shoes

Ronda Sockey had battled drug addiction her entire adult life. The addiction even landed her in jail.

The 38-year-old mother, who has been sober since 2005, said she realized she was going to die if she didn't stop.

After spending six months in rehabilitation, Ronda came to Ada to start a new life and took a job as a waitress.

She said she realized she had to go back to school after her daughter helped her at her work. The daughter received a $32 tip, and decided she too wanted to be a waitress.

The incident encouraged Ronda to go to East Central to take the required tests and complete paperwork. However, she said she was so nervous she started crying.

"I was worried that I wouldn't be able to make it because I had been using drugs for so long and my future was going to be working in a greasy kitchen for the rest of my life," she said.

After starting school, she left her job and was hired by the tribal Career Development Initiative.

During the 11 months she worked with the program, Ronda was never late and never missed a day of work.

"Career Development encourages people to have a good work ethic," she said.

Ronda, who was accepted into the School to Work program in December 2008, is a junior majoring in human services and addictions counseling with aspirations of becoming a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. She also plans on earning a master's degree.

"I can cry with them and I know where they have been and where they come from," she said. "Some of them come in and they are so broken and I can remember feeling like that. I can remember feeling the lowest a person can feel."

As part of the program's on-the-job training, Ronda works at Healthy Lifestyles, the Chickasaw Nation's substance abuse treatment and recovery program.

Ronda said she was proud that her daughter now wants to become a nurse.

Her academic achievements include being on the East Central honor roll for six straight semesters as well as winning the prestigious Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship from the Chickasaw Foundation.

A whole new focus

Tara Brown never knew she was capable of becoming an outstanding student.

The 26-year-old mother is completing the desktop support technician program at the Pontotoc Technology Center. She has a long list of academic achievements.

"It makes me feel I am able to do anything I put my mind to," Tara said. "And I think without the School to Work Program, I would have never found that about myself."

Tara, who had her first child when she was 16, graduated from Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla., at 20. After high school, she started working with the Career Development program to be able to provide for her daughter.

She said she always wanted to go to school but didn't know how she would manage school and work.

"When I found out about School to Work and that they paid you to go to school, I jumped right on to it," she said. "I saw this as an open door to change my life not only for me, but for my kids as well."

She also said that ever since she started with the program, it has opened many doors and has motivated her to achieve even more.

"I don't want to stop here," she said.

Tara plans on earning a bachelor's degree in computer science.

The tribe, she said, had helped her in many ways, including low-income housing assistance, nutrition services and child care assistance. She said that without them, she would have been "homeless, hungry and broke."

She also said the programs have helped her "grow as a person" and opened her mind "to a whole new focus."

Tara wants to give back by working for the tribe after she gets her degree.

She currently works as a service desk technician at the tribal Information Technology Department.

The on-the-job training helps her a lot because she gets hands-on experience and puts to test the things she learns in school.

She also encourages everyone to get an education.

"If that is what you really want but feel like you can't, with School to Work you can," she said. "There's no reason why you should not do it."

Some of Tara's achievements include serving as class ambassador, a 4.0 grade point average for the fall 2009 semester, National Technical Honor Society member, student of the month finalist and top 12 in Spring Leadership Conference in Tulsa.

CONTRIBUTED BY Sharmina Manandhar, tribal media relations.

About School to Work Program

The School to Work Program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students earn their education while maintaining employment through an On-the-Job Training program.

Students attend class and work in internship programs, typically in an area associated with their field of study. Students are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for their efforts.

For more information, contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada or Don Mose at (580) 222-2839 in Ardmore.

About Career Development Initiative

CDI is a tribal program that provides transitional employment to Chickasaws with employment barriers, including minor criminal charges, lack of education, a driver's license, reliable transportation or adequate child care.

The employees can work up to 40 hours a week and are considered full-time temporary workers. They typically work for the various Chickasaw Nation departments.

The first phase of the program, which is six-months, helps the employees in overcoming the employment barriers while the second phase helps in locating meaningful employment.

Interested individuals can pick up an application at 17290 County Road 3570 in Ada. For more information, call Ira Adams at 580-272-5085.

Application dates upcoming for tribal summer camps

Mark your calendars and make note of application deadlines for 2010 summer camps and academies!

Kid's Golf Day Tournament - Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla. May 22. Registration on site begins at 12:30 p.m. $15 green fee required.

Environmental Camp – Ada, Okla. May 25-28. Application deadline May 14.

Native American Junior Open - Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla. June 1. Registration on site begins at 9:30 a.m. $20 registration fee required.

Camp Survivor - Camp Classen, near Davis, Okla. June 1-4. Application deadline has been extended to April 26 at 5 p.m.

Space School NASA - Houston, Texas June 7-11. Application deadline May 7.

Golf Camp - WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla. Beginner and Intermediate Camp- June 7-8 Advanced June 9-10. Application deadline May 10.

Space Camp - Huntsville, Ala. June 14-18. Application Deadline May 7.

Entrepreneurship Academy - Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla. June 14-18. Application deadline May 8.

Tennis Clinic - Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla. Session I June 14-17, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 8-11. Sessions II June 21-24, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 12-18. Application deadline May 10.

Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp - Tatanka Ranch, Stroud, Okla. June 20-22. Application deadline May 28.

FCA Xtreme Camp – Cross Point Camp, Kingston, Okla. June 20-24. Application deadline May 10.

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNASA) - Ada, Okla. June 28-July2. Application deadline May 7.

Archery Clinics. July 6 - Ages 8-9. July 7- Ages 10-11. Application deadline May 15.

Champions Football Camp - Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla. July 8-10. Application deadline May 10.

Champions Cheerleading Clinic - Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla. July 9-10. Application deadline May 10.

Chikasha Saya (I Am Chickasaw) - Camp Goddard, near Davis, Okla. July 12-14. Application deadline May 10.

FCA Competitors Camp – Camps Walk on Water, Stuart, Okla. July 14-18. Application deadline May 10.

Youth Basketball Clinics - July 15-17. Ada, Okla., 8 – 11 a.m. Ardmore, Okla., 2 – 5 p.m. Application deadline May 10.

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) - East Central University, Ada, Okla. July 19-31.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp) - Ada, Okla.Three separate one-day clinics .

July 21-23. Application deadline May 10.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy - Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla. July 26- 29.

Application deadline June 28.

Yakni Moma Alphisa - Justice for a Nation Court Camp. Ada Community Center, Ada, Okla. August 2-3.

Application deadline June 11.

Himitta Alhiha Hoochokoshkomo -"The Youth Are Playing" Language Sports Camp. August 5 - grades 1-6 - Community Center, Tishomingo, Okla. August 6 - grades 1-6 - Old Gym – Carter Seminary, Ardmore, Okla. August 7 - grades 1-6 - Comanche / Duncan area, location to be determined. Application deadline July 23.

For more information or to obtain applications, visit www.Chickasaw.net/youthcamps or contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620.

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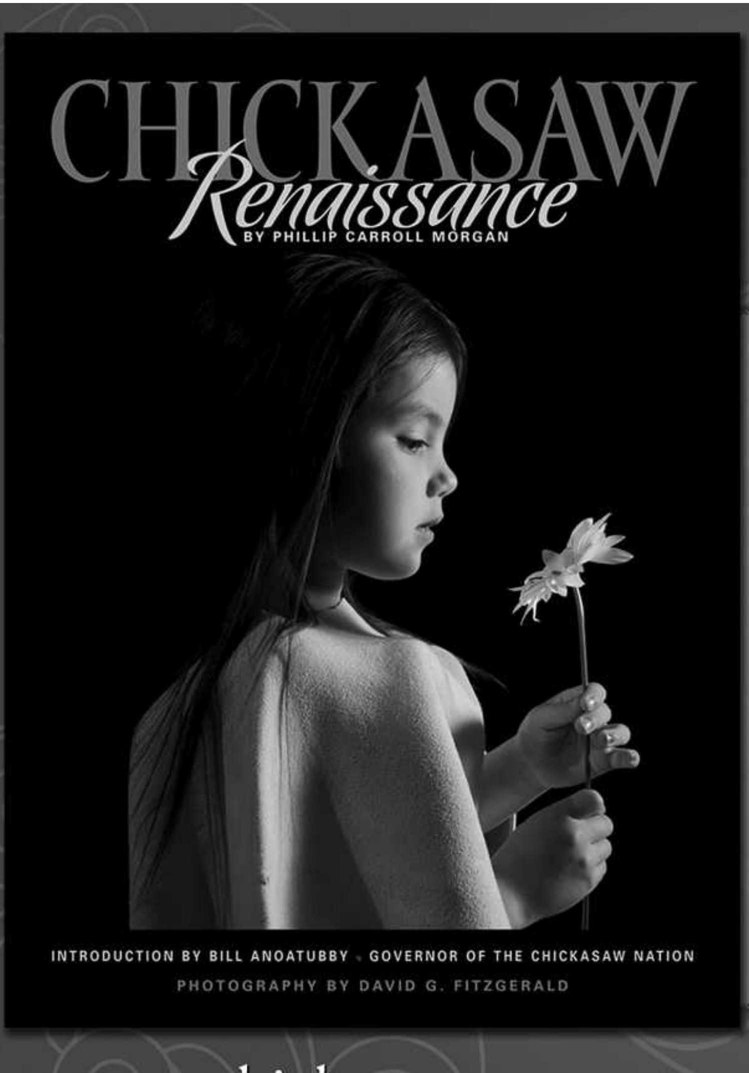
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Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi

Leadership students study college life, substance challenges

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program (Youth Leadership) members have dedicated the past two months to learning more about higher education and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Touring the University of Oklahoma campus, attending a Sooner basketball game and visiting the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, all in Norman, Okla., were highlights of the March session.

Twenty-seven Chickasaw Leadership students, including five new members, attended.

The day focused on higher education. A tour of OU's campus kicked off the activities.

Seven Chickasaw college students, who are members of the University of Oklahoma Chickasaw Nation Learning Community, served as tour guides. In addition to the campus tour, the college Chickasaws explained the mission of the collegiate group to the high school students.

Leadership student Jason Hogland joins Lighthorse officer Clint Sutton in the all-terrain vehicle.

The mission of the Learning Community is to help students successfully transition from high school or community college to OU, and learn what it means to be Chickasaw.

The program nurtures Chickasaw pride and culture and builds a core group of students willing to give back to the tribe.

Watching the OU men's basketball team take on Texas A&M and exploring the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History rounded out the day.

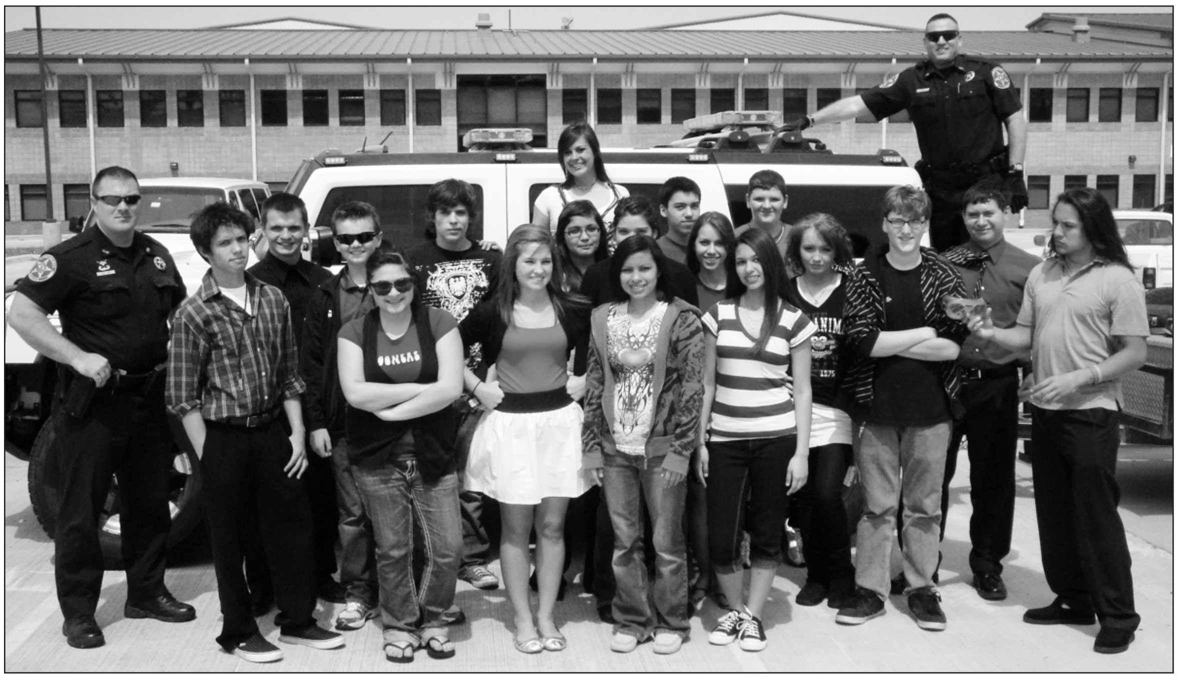
The April session focused on drug and alcohol awareness.

To illustrate the effects of drugs and alcohol, Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police officers Andy Hill and Clint Sutton provided an obstacle course. Students donned vision impairment goggles and attempted to navigate it.

Allen Ogles, a Customer Service trainer for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce, also shared some facts about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

The problems associated with drugs and alcohol, Mr. Ogles said, can damage and mar dreams and goals for a lifetime.

"I enjoyed talking with the kids tremendously," Mr. Ogles said. "They were awesome."



Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse officers Clint Sutton, far left, and Andy Hill, right, demonstrated the dangers of drugs and alcohol to Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Chickasaw Leadership) members, recently. Members navigated an all-terrain vehicle through an obstacle course while wearing vision impairment goggles.

A new student, Jayson Hogland, of Tuttle, Okla., joined the group.

"(The session) was very fun and I enjoyed having something to do on a Saturday," Jayson said. "I liked that we would do something educational for a while then do something fun. I look forward to the next meeting."

The next Leadership meeting is May 8 in Ada. The session will focus on media production.

Learning to Serve

Members of the Leadership group spend many hours working on service projects within their communities.

Last month members volunteered at the Youth Arts Month Celebration and the Children's Fair, both conducted in Ada.

The group plans to volunteer and participate in other tribal events this year.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program members meet monthly and cover a wide variety of topics including leadership, small business, and ethics and etiquette.

Beginning in September, the group meets one Saturday a month for 12 months. Lunch is provided.

Cultural aspects including Chickasaw language, Chickasaw history and the different creative crafts that Chickasaw people have developed over the years are also studied.

Included on the itinerary are tours of the Oklahoma State Capitol and visits with state officials and trips to other tribal headquarters.

A final out-of-state tour is planned for the end of the session.

Students will also have a class project which will involve community service and/or a fund raiser.

Applications are accepted year-round.

For more information about the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Ms. Ashlee White, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.

Linda Hogan

Chickasaw Nation Writer in Residence
and 2007 Chickasaw Hall of Fame Inductee

Invites you to join her for

A Creative Writing Workshop

The workshop is for Chickasaw writers and lovers of fiction, poetry, memoir and family history. Sessions include how to keep writing energy flowing, how to overcome writer's block and discussion of writings in a positive atmosphere.

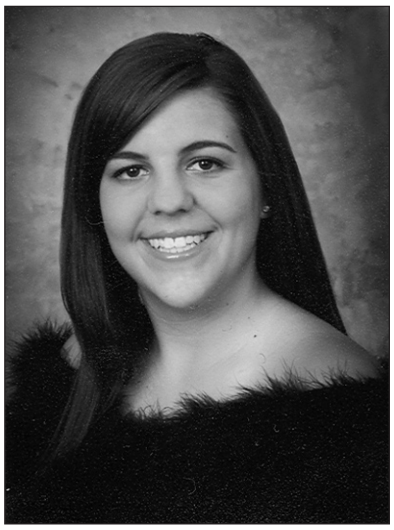
Elders are encouraged to attend and pass on their stories.

People of the Whale

Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
May 25 through June 29
at the
Chickasaw Nation
Community Center in Ada

For more information or to register,
contact the Chickasaw Nation
Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Mattie Maurine Hiten

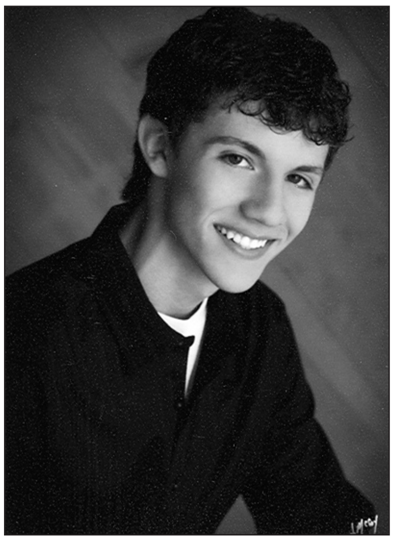


Mattie Maurine Hiten is a 2010 graduate of Alex High School, Alex, Okla. She is the daughter of Kevin Hiten and the late Kim Hiten. She is the granddaughter of A.K. Hiten and Agatha Seawright Hiten and Buck and Kay Watts, of Perry, Mo. She is the great-granddaughter of Robert and Maurine Seawright.

Mattie is active in basketball, softball and fast pitch softball and was elected 2010 basketball homecoming queen. She was a member of Future Farmers of American (FFA) for three years, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) for four years serving one year as membership chairman; two years public relations and president her senior year. She is a member of the Gifted and Talented class and the academic team.

Mattie plans to attend the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha.

Chaylum H. Hogue

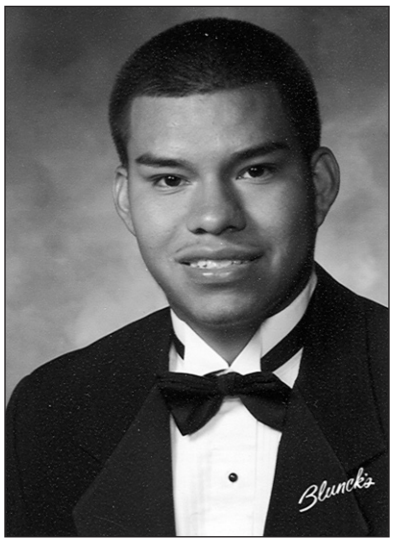


Chaylum H. Hogue is a 2010 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Harvey and Renee Hogue. He is the grandson of Kenneth and LaQuita Bond and Azell and the late Warren Hogue.

Chaylum is a member of the National Honor Society, Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Club, named a Rotary Club Student of the Month, a member of the talented program, the Spanish Club, Business Professionals Association and a concurrent student at East Central University, Ada.

He plans to attend East Central University to major in pre-medicine.

Jericho Jordan Shields



Jericho Jordan Shields (Coco) is a 2010 graduate of Seiling High School, Seiling, Okla. He is the son of Rhonda Shields and Joel Leftwich. He is the grandson of Dollie Cole and Homer Shields.

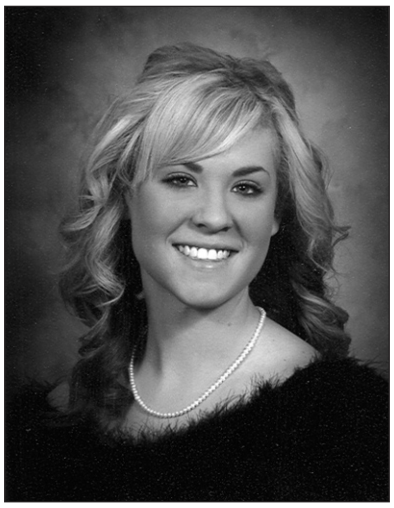
My B. Bear is the last of my three handsome sons to graduate. He has played soccer, baseball, football and basketball. He was a student of the Gifted and Talented Program and has won many awards.

His plans are to attend college or attend Tulsa Welding School.

I will miss the field trips, getting you up in the mornings and the games. I'm behind you 100% in whatever you decide. I love you,

Mom

Laura Elizabeth Strong



Laura Elizabeth Strong is a 2010 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Gary and Teresa Strong. She is the granddaughter of Leona Strong and Billy Don and Ima Jean Blakenship.

Laura was a member of FCCLA for two years, the Spanish Club for two years, Leadership Program her senior year and the varsity tennis team for four years.

Her plans are to pursue a business degree at East Central University, Ada.

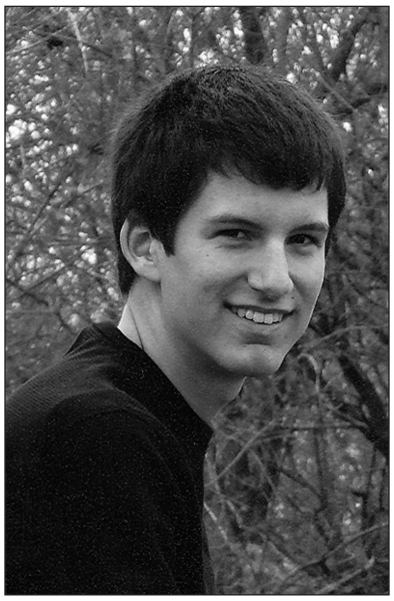
Autumn Nichole Thomas

Autumn Nicole Thomas is a 2010 graduate of Putnam City North High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Richard and Pamela Thomas. She is the granddaughter of Ray and Darlene Stevens, of Oklahoma City, John Sain and Carol Bagley, of Oklahoma City and Richard and Georgetta Thomas, of Blanchard, Okla.

Autumn was named Oklahoma All-State in Volleyball and swimming and will participate in the All State Games at Tulsa the week of July 26. She served as captain of the volleyball and swim team this year. She was named as Fox 25 News Athlete Scholar of the Week, the Friday Paper and the Bethany Paper (OK) Player of the Week. She served as the 2010 parliamentarian for the National Honor Society at Putnam City North High School, she is a member of the Young Democrats Club, and a member of (Distributive Education Clubs of America) DECA. She is a Panther Pal Mentor to Hefner Middle School students and carries a 4.01 Grade Point Average (GPA) and is ranked 73 out of 443 graduating students.

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to pursue a degree in nursing.

Blake McGowen



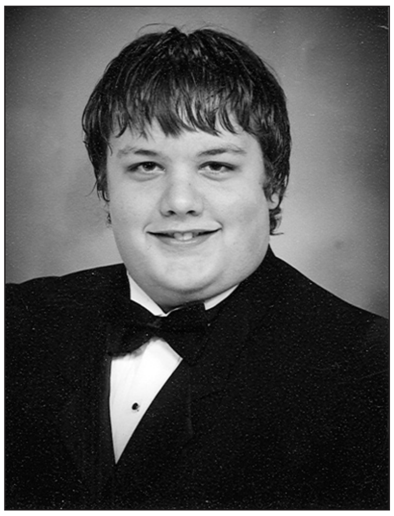
Blake McGowen is a 2010 graduate of Purcell High School, Purcell, Okla. He is the son of Tim and Cindy McGowen. He is the grandson of Norbert and Pat McGowen and Joe and Angie Wallace, all of Purcell.

Blake began his school career at the Purcell School System. He was active in band for four years, a member of Future Farmers of America (FFA) for two years, a member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll for four years and on the Chickasaw Nation's Governor's Honor Roll for four years.

He attended classes one-half day his senior year and was a concurrent student at Oklahoma City Community College. He works part-time at United Pharmacy in Purcell. Blake will graduate among the top 10% of his class with a 4.13 grade point average (GPA).

His plans are to attend the School of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford.

Jody Carol Wynn, Jr.



Jody Carol Wynn Jr., is a 2010 graduate of Dibble High School, Dibble, Okla. He is the son of Lisa and Freddy Gunn and the late Jody C Wynn, Sr. He is the grandson of Lonnie and Louise Montgomery, Ronald and the late Georgie Wynn and Freddie and Joann Gunn.

Jody was active in football and band.

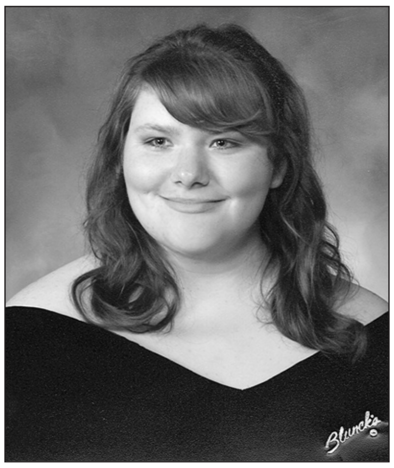
His plans are to attend college to pursue a degree in cyber security.

Melissa Ann Keel

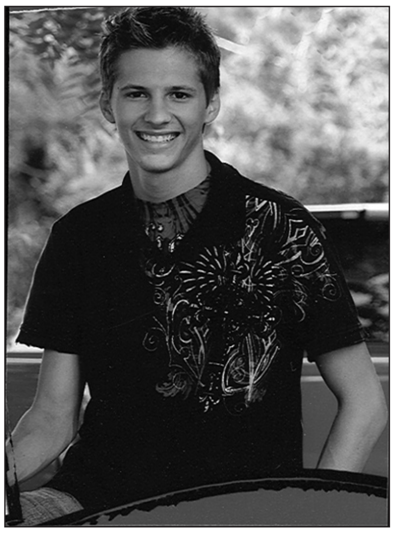
Melissa Ann Keel is a 2010 graduate of Stratford High School, Stratford, Okla. She is the daughter of William and Linda Keel. She is the granddaughter of William and Blossom Keel and Robert and Grace Geyer.

Melissa was is an active member of the drama club, high school choir, the National Honor Society, Chickasaw Governor Honor Society and Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM).

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., for two years and then transfer to the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in professional writing.



Dillon Standridge



Dillon Standridge is a 2010 graduate of Del City High School, Del City, Okla. He is the son of Darrell and Gina Standridge and the grandson of Richard Hatton.

Dillon enjoys going to the lake and spending time with his friends. His is on the golf team.

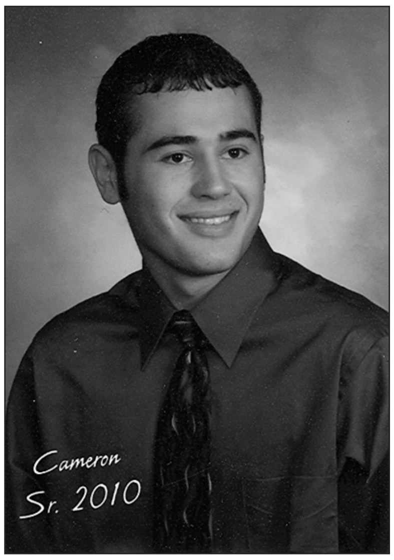
He plans on attending college to study law.

Cameron Gorrell

Cameron Gorrell is a 2010 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. He is the son of Phillip and Karen Gorrell. He is the grandson of Cecil and Wilma Gorrell and Loyd Cain and the late Mary Cain (Eddy).

Cameron's hobbies include fishing, hunting and spending time with friends and family. He is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and has attended Chickasaw camps.

His plans are to attend East Central University in the fall.

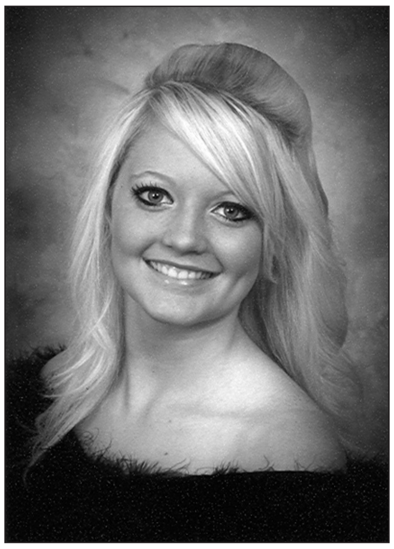


Jessica Nichole Wynn

Jessica Nichole Wynn is a 2010 graduate of Dibble High School, Dibble, Okla. She is the daughter of Lisa and Freddy Gunn and the late Jody C Wynn, Sr. She is the granddaughter of Lonnie and Louise Montgomery, Ronald and the late Georgie Wynn and Freddie and Joann Gunn.

Jessica was active in basketball, cheerleading and voted "Prettiest Eyes". She a member of the National Honor roll, nominated for Congressional Student Leadership Conference (CSLC) and U.S. Achievement Academy National Yearbook.

She plans to attend college to pursue a pharmacy degree.

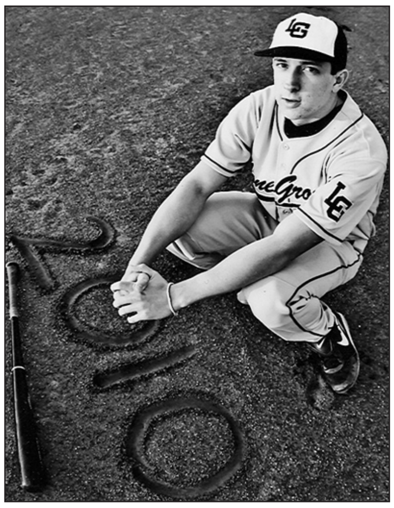


Joseph Madison Johnson

Joseph Madison Johnson is a 2010 graduate of Lone Grove High School, Lone Grove, Okla. He is the son of Gerald and Shawnna Johnson. He is the grandson of Joe and Jenny Roberts and the late Archie and Maria Johnson.

Joe was active in varsity baseball (catcher), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (officer), student council member and officer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Area Athlete, a member of the Chickasaw Honors Club, member of Chickasaw Leadership Club.

He plans to pursue a career in journalism and attend the University of Oklahoma.

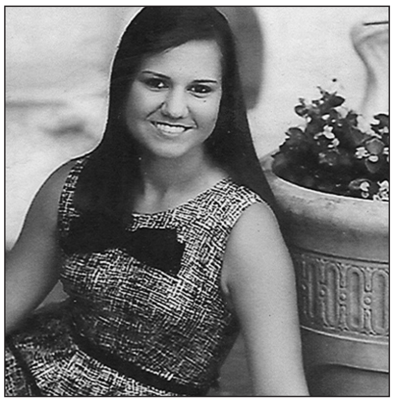


Bradlee Alexis Pilling

Bradlee Alexis Pilling is a 2010 graduate of Jenks HighSchool, Jenks, Okla. She is the daughter of Mark and Gail Pilling. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pilling, of Norman, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Nayland, of Pauls Valley, Okla.

Bradlee hs been involved with Drug Free Youth, a member of the Spanish Club and the sign language club. She has lettered eight times with the Lady Trojans fast pitch and slow pitch softball teams.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and is considering a career in experimental psychology.



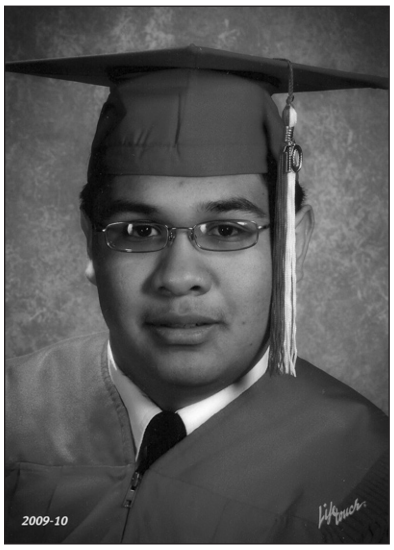
Andrea Arielle Williams

Andrea Arielle Williams is a 2010 graduate of Huntington High School, Huntington, W.V. She is the daughter of Amy Williams. She is the granddaughter of Gearan Harris and Vicki Attaway and the great-granddaughter of the late Wanda Attaway.

Andrea is a member of the National Honor Society, MU ALPHA THETA, mock trail interest group. She is graduating ninth in her class.

Andrea has been accepted to the Honors College at Marshall University, Huntington.

Bryan Lane Samis



Bryan Lane Samis is a 2010 graduate of Davis High School, Davis, Okla. He is the son of Tajuana Walton, of Davis and Gary Samis, of Wynnewood, Okla. He is the grandson of Toni Leader, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Bryan has been a student at Southern Oklahoma Technology Center, Ardmore.

His plans are to attend the University of Phoenix, Edmond, Okla., to major in business management and minor in computer technology.

Bryan extends a special thank you to his teachers, Mrs. Kim Taylor and Mrs. Tricia Brown for all the encouragement given to him. You will never be forgotten.

Brooke Caudle

Brooke Caudle is a 2010 graduate of Joshua High School, Joshua, Texas. She is the daughter of Michael and Kim Caudle. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn Winton, Jereld Winton, Gerald Gallop and Melva Caudle.

Brooke is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as editor of her school's yearbook. She was active in soccer for two years and participates in community service.

She plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, to major in kinesiology and then to pursue a career as a chiropractor.

Emily Jane Biscan

Emily Jane Biscan is a 2010 graduate of Ursuline Academy, St. Louis, Mo. She is the daughter of David and Gretchen Biscan. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Lee Anne Koehler, of Joplin, Mo., and the late Charlie and Marge Biscan, of St. Louis.

Emily will graduate May 23 with honors. She has accumulated 120 hours of community service, participated in choir, basketball, and choreographing and dancing dance routines. She has taken dance since she was two and performed in competitive dance for 10 years. She has won many regional and national awards and was chosen to model for the Wiseman Dancewear Catalog.

Her plans are to attend Lindenwood University, at St. Charles, Mo., on a four-year academic scholarship pursuing a major in elementary education and a minor in dance. She has been selected to a member of the Lionette's dance team.

We are all very proud of Emily's accomplishments.

Ashley D. Gorman

Ashley D. Gorman is a 2010 graduate of Douglas McKay High School, Salem, Ore. She is the daughter of Mike and Lyn Gorman. She is the granddaughter of Martin and Rita Gorman.

Ashley is a member of the National Honor Society, involved in Youth and Government, student government, New Harvest Youth Ministries, track and field, cross country, project grad and the Oregon School for the Deaf.

She plans to attend Western Oregon University. Monmouth.

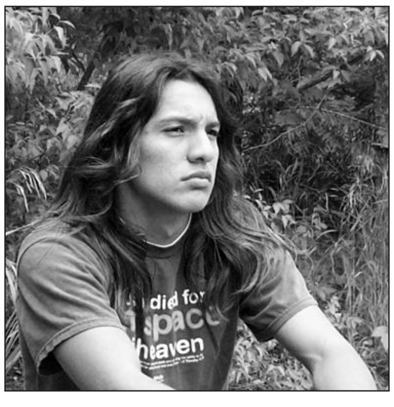
Charles Bradley Hawkins

Charles Bradley Hawkins is a 2010 graduate of Stratford High School, Stratford, Okla. He is the son of Ron and Donna Hawkins. He is the grandson of Leland Don Cowling.

Charles' activities include football, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Future Farmers of America (FFA), the National Guard, and the Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM).

His plans are to join the U.S. Army.

Aaron M. Arik John



Aaron M. Arik John is a 2010 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Carla John and Charles. He is the grandson of full blood Chickasaw the late Alvin John. He is the great-grandson of original enrollees the late Edward John and the late Phoebie (Keel) John.

Aaron's was active in varsity track for four years. He qualified for state three years and medaled twice. He is a member of the science club, ecology club, art club, and serves as president of the Spanish Club. He is a Chickasaw language student of Scott Colbert, a member of the Sulphur Summer Track, Native American Stickball team, a two-year participant of the Chickasaw National Chikasha Apihchi ikbi youth leadership program, and serves as president of the Lighthouse Holiness youth group, of Sulphur.

Aaron will travel to Colorado State and to New York State after graduation. He will work the summer at the Chickasaw National Park, Sulphur.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma to major in Native American studies.

Aaron is a very handsome and proud Native American. He hopes to do well for his people, his Grandpa Alvin John and above all, for God.

As his mother I would like the world to know that a very wonderful and exceptional young man will soon be among you. God is with my son.

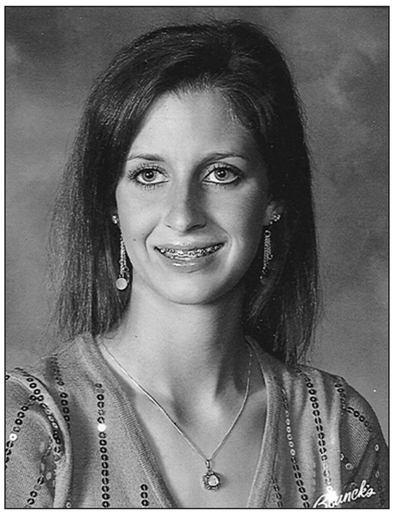
Francis Marion Gooding-Silverwood

Francis Marion Gooding-Silverwood is a 2010 graduate of South Lakes High School, Reston, Va. She is the daughter of Mark Stephen and Rozanne Gooding Silverwood. She is the granddaughter of the late Francis Marion, Patsy Anne Gooding and John Benjamin and Patricia Silverwood. She is the great-granddaughter of Charles Holmes Gooding, an original enrollee.

Francis received an advanced diploma with a grade point average of 3.9. She received recognition for her creative writing and work on the high school literary journal and received recognition for her art, portrait drawings and photography. She plays the guitar and sings. She is an exceptional chef.

Her plans are to attend college of Charleston in Charleston, S.C., where she has chosen a concentration in psychology and fine arts.

Robynne Annette Lambert

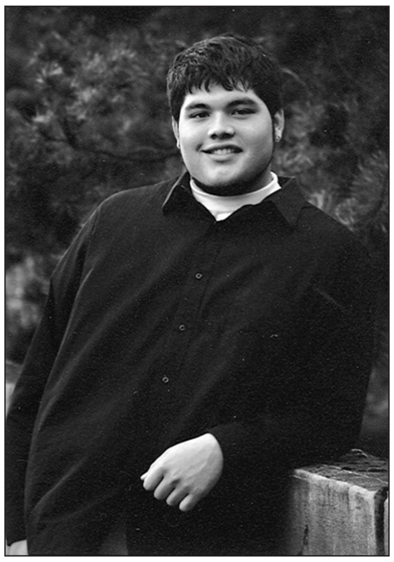


Robynne Annette Lambert is a 2010 graduate of Coalgate High School, Coalgate, Okla. She is the daughter of Joe and Lanette Lambert. She is the granddaughter of Willis and Mary Jo Lambert and the late Flyd and Yvonne Leaird.

Robynne is a member of the National Honor Society and listed in *Who's Who Among American Scholars*. She was active in fast-pitch softball and basketball and a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club and on the Superintendent's Honor Roll. She has earned nine hours of college credit through Murray State College.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to become a lab technician.

Jacob Whygle-Gonzales



Jacob Whygle-Gonzles is a 2010 graduate of Dayton High School, Dayton, Ore. He is the son of Brandi Whygle and Octavio Gonzales. He is the grandson of Larry Whygle, of Dayton, Marilyn Whygle, of West Salem, Ore. He is the great-grandson of the late Joe Williamson, and the late Elva Yoakum Williamson, and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Leonard Yoakum and the late Lovie Yoakum.

Jacob was a member of the football, basketball and track team. He was a four-year letterman, named to the First Team All League and chosen to play on the 2010 Shriners All Star football team and the 2010 Shriners All Star basketball team.

His plans are to attend College of the Siskiyous in Yreka, California.

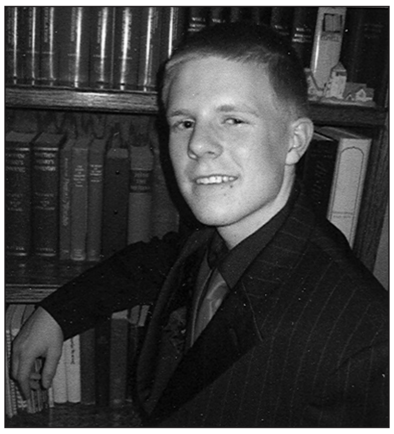
Morgaine Jovan Gooding-Silverwood

Morgaine Jovan Gooding-Silverwood is a 2010 graduate of The New School of Northern Virginia, of Fairfax. She is the daughter of Mark and Rozanne Silverwood. She is the granddaughter of the late Francis Marion, Patsy Anne Gooding and John Benjamin and Patricia Silverwood. She is the great-granddaughter of Charles Holmes Gooding, an original enrollee.

Morgaine will receive an honor's diploma with a grade point average of 4.2. She has received numerous awards in theatre productions in DCarra including a Cappie for best actress in a drama and second place in regional Shakespeare competition. She enjoys music and plays the guitar.

She plans to attend Columbia University in NYC where she has chosen a concentration in theatre studies and political science.

Tyler Newlon



Tyler Newlon is a 2010 graduate of Webb City High School, Webb City, Mo. He is the son of Delyn Worley and MSCT Matt Newlon. He is the grandson of Bob and Judy Worley.

Tyler was active in DECCA, he lettered in cross-country track and on the junior varsity golf team.

His plans are to attend Crowder College, Neosho, Mo., to pursue a general studies degree.

Leilani Victoria Kaufusi

Leilani Victoria Kaufusi is a 2010 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Baytown, Texas. She is the daughter of Lisa Ann Torres and Richard Torres. She is the granddaughter of Mary Caldwell Martin and Jerry W. Martin. She is a descendent of Darias Corinne Cravatt (great-grandmother), and granddaughter of Jerry W. Runnels. She has three brothers, Jonathan, Relo, and Nicholas. She is the niece of Jon and Michelle Runnels and cousin to Tyler, Jarrod and MacKeinzie.

Leilani is of multi-cultural descent (Tongan, Indian, Caucasian). She is a group dancer for celebrities at Robert E. Lee High School and a member of Trinity, a special dance group, for three years. Leilani a native of Baytown works at the YMCA and likes children. She was a member of the Bowie Junior High School band for three years playing the clarinet.

Leilani is talented, beautiful and focused on a future helping others.

Her ambition is to work in a pediatric ICU Neonatal Unit.

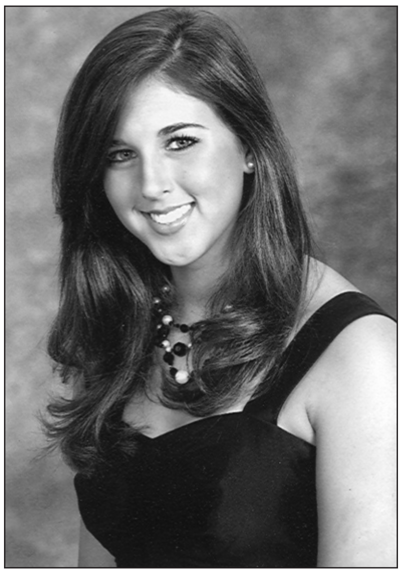
Stephen Mose

Stephen Mose is a 2010 graduate of Thackerville High School, Thackerville, Okla. He is the son of Leslie and Christie Mose and the grandson of James and Roberta Mose.

Stephen was active in football and was chosen to participate in the Senior Bowl and 8-man All Star game. He was active in powerlifting and received the Southeast Region Class C Champion Award. He is a studious and hardworking student and enjoys hunting, fishing, the outdoors and spending time with his family and friends.

His plans are to attend Murray State College to become a game warden.

Ashley Kathryn Morgan



Ashley Kathryn Morgan is a 2010 graduate of C.E. Byrd Magnet High School, Shreveport, La. She is the daughter of Bradford L. and Debra B. Morgan.

Ashley's activities include: Lyle's Leaders (Leadership Academy) (four years), Astra Club (four years, historian senior year), photography club (treasurer sophomore and senior year), French Club (four years, officer of credits sophomore year, 2007-2008 Student of the Year), Grover C. Koffman Chapter of the National Honor Society and Diamond Girls staff (sophomore – senior year), Chickasaw Nation Honor Club (two years), Beta Club (three years, president senior year), cheerleader (four years), chemistry club (three years, treasurer junior year and secretary senior year), nature club (sophomore), American Citizenship Award (freshman – junior), ArtBreak student leadership team (two years), Girl's State delegate alternate (two years), student council (three years), A/B honor roll (two years), North LA A-HEC summer medical volunteer program (two years). Her freshman year she was active in HOBY delegate alternate, Student of the Month for algebra and civics, pep-squad, class treasurer, lacrosse team, and Young Life Club. Her sophomore year she was All American nominee/cheer camp, Youth and Government Club, Refuge Christian Club, LEAD Conference 2008, and GUTS Youth Summit/Centenary College. Junior year: Talented Art Program (TAP), 2008-2009 C.E. Byrd Ring staff, food bank of Northwest LA youth board, L.S.U. Health Science youth board, LEAD Conference 2009, LASC Leadership Conference, BETA Conference, and Executive Women-International Scholarship Program Shreveport-Bossier City winner. Senior year: Top Jackets, SASC, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), L.S.U. Health Science youth board, Elk's Club "Student of the Month", PTSA Reflections: photography (overall winner, 2nd place and honorable mention), We Care Essay Contest (overall winner), Chickasaw Historical Society, Louisiana Tech University Outstanding Student Scholarship recipient.

Her activities and community service include: C.E. Byrd Open House, Crusin in the City, Pride Rally, Red River Revel, March of Dimes, YMCA Family Violence Center, VA Medical Center, Women's Depart club, Chimphaven, Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, Shreveport Green/Recycle, Operation Rehydration, Providence House, junior camp counselor, VBS, Summer Grove Baptist Youth Choir/Choir Tour/Drama, Weekend of the Cross, CSM mission trip, LASC, SASC, Community Christmas, Walk for Education, Eden Gardens Elementary, University Elementary School, LA Cheermastics, and Barbizon School of Modeling.

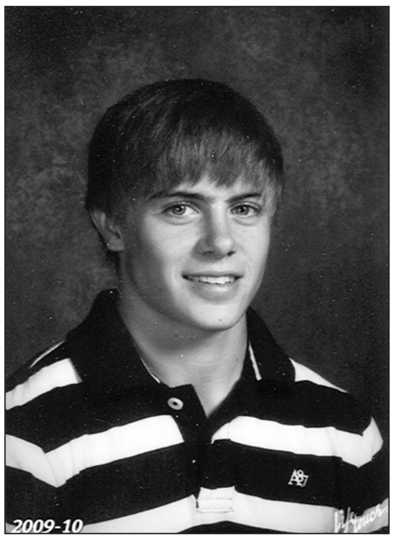
Briana Hope McWhorter

Briana Hope McWhorter is a 2010 graduate of Oak Ridge High School, Spring, Texas. She is the daughter of Marc and Lisa McWhorter. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Vivian McWhorter and Craig and Dorothy Pollock.

Briana is active in yearbook serving as editor.

Her plans are to become a high school history and journalism teacher.

Corey Vaughan

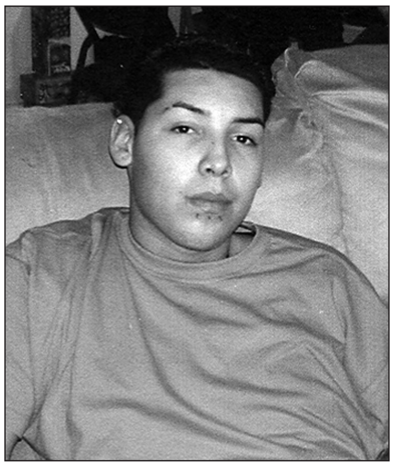


Corey Vaughan is a 2010 graduate of Rose Hill High School, Derby, Kan. He is the son of Jerry and Sarah Vaughan. He is the grandson of George and Patricia Zahler.

Corey is a member of the National Honor Society. He was active in football, serving as leader and captain and active in baseball. He received an award for most inspirational player and an award for senior citizenship. He loves to hunt.

His plans are to attend Kansas State University to study agriculture and animal science.

Johnathan Gomez



Johnathan Gomez is a 2010 graduate of West Mesquite High School, Mesquite, Texas. He is the son of Francine Franco and Jose Nieves Gomez. He is the grandson of Geneva (Brown) Franco and Wenceslao Franco, both of Dallas. He is the great-grandson of the late Mitchell and Adeline Brown.

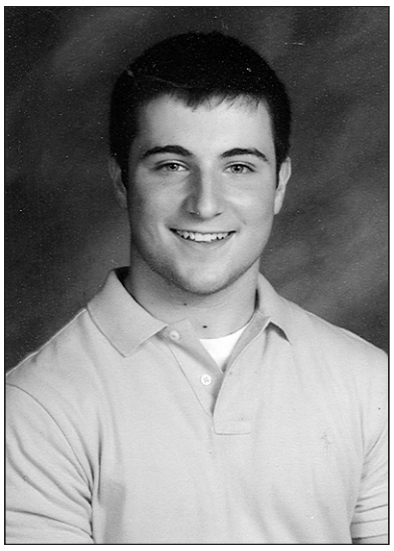
Johnathan was a member of the high school orchestra for two years and played the chello for five years, participating in a few competitions and concerts. He was a member of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) for two years. He enjoys drawing, playing football with his friends and just being with family and friends.

His plans are to enroll in art school or join the military.

We are very proud of him and he is a joy to have in our life. We love you and stand by what ever you choose to do in your life. We wish you the best son and 'great job'.

Love always,
Mom, Dad and Cisco.

Andrew Meredith



Andrew Meredith is a 2010 graduate of Claremore High School, Claremore, Okla. He is the son of Dan and Kim Meredith. He is the grandson of Judy and the late Bill Eagleton.

Andrew is a representative of the student council, a member varsity tennis team, he served as Freshman Class President, a member of the National Honor Society, Native American National Honor Society, and a member of various clubs. He is a member of First Baptist Church. He hunts and works out in his spare time.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman. His future interest are in the medical professions.

Laurica Noel Nugent

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Laurica Noel Nugent is a 2010 graduate of Springer High School, Springer, Okla. She is the daughter of Petrina Washburn and Anthony Nugent. She is the granddaughter of Dawn and Darrell Washburn and Carol and Nathaniel Nugent.

Laurica was active in basketball, cross country and choir. She is attending concurrent classes at Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla.

She plans to attend the dental program at the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Matt Logan

Matt Logan is a 2010 graduate of Harvest Oaks Academy, Flower Mound, Texas. He is the son of David and Shelley Logan. He is the grandson of Sam and Jan Green and Skip and Clara Logan and the late Betty Logan.

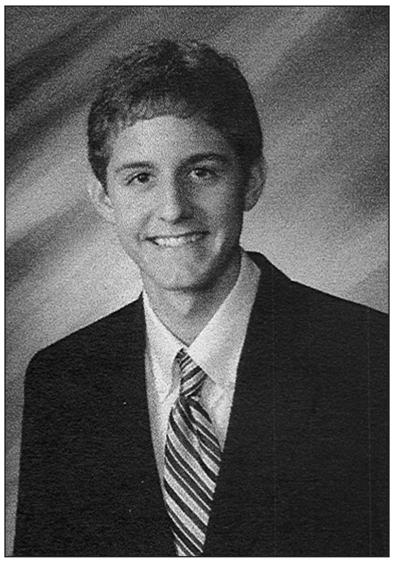
Matt earned 20 hours of college credit in his junior and senior years through the Dual Credit program at North Lake Community College in Irving, Texas. He works part-time at a local grocery store and with a flooring restoration company.

Matt the second oldest of eight brothers and sisters is a gifted artist and an avid reader. He most enjoys reading historical novels and books on military history. His favorite activities are camping, hiking, football, ultimate Frisbee, and having air-soft wars with his friends. Matt has served many volunteer hours over the years as an audio-visual technician in Children's Ministry at his home church.

His plans are to continue his education at North Lake Community College with the intention to later transfer to a four-year university. His interest in the military has him considering several schools with an ROTC program where upon graduation he could enter the military as an officer.

Matt's favorite scripture is Joshua 1:7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go."

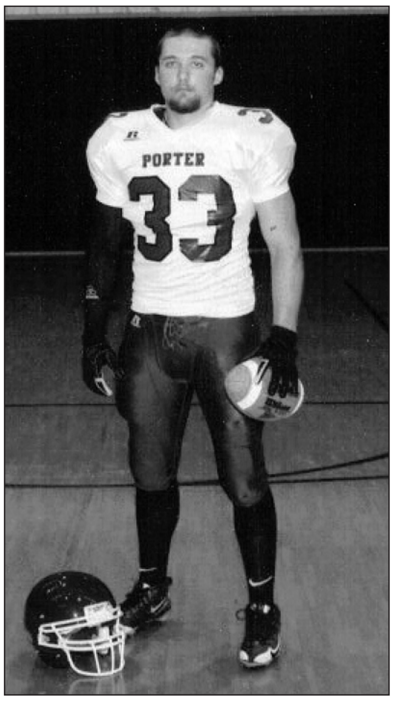
Brett W. Bigbie



Brett W. Bigbie is a 2010 graduate of Norman High School, Norman, Okla. He is the son of Bane and Melanie Bigbie. He is the grandson of Bane and Faye Bigbie, of Ringling, Okla., and Ann Eldridge, of Tulsa. His great-grandmother is Anne Wise, of Okmulgee, Okla.

Brett has a 4.0 grade point average. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar, Oklahoma Academic Scholar, OU Regents Scholar, Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, Teen Advisors of Norman, Tomorrow's Leaders graduate, Norman North Link Crew leadership member and a member of the Spanish National Honor Society.

Derick Allen Myers

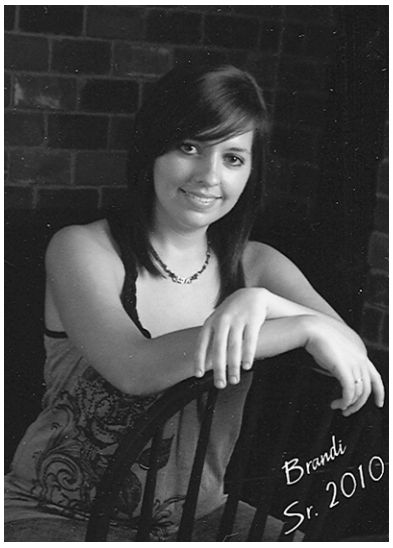


Derick Allen Myers is a 2010 graduate of Porter High School, Porter, Okla. He is the son of Kirt and Donita Myers. He is the grandson of David and Ova Myers and Harold and Margaret Chastain.

Derick was active on the football team playing the position of tight end/defensive end, and weightlifting. He was a member of the student council (STUCO).

His plans are to attend Northeastern State University (OK), and pursue a degree in criminal justice.

Brandi Montgomery



Brandi Montgomery is a 2010 graduate of Norman High School, Norman, Oka. She is the daughter of Mark and Anke Montgomery. She is the granddaughter of Charlotte Newton, Lucia Rech and Richard Spitzhorn. Brandi had a great senior year! She has been involved in dance since the fifth grade and has taken modern dance throughout high school. She played the clarinet from the sixth grade to her junior year and participated in the Norman High School marching band. She has worked part-time for over a year and loves being around friends and family.

She plans to attend Rose State College and in the future transfer to the college of her choice.

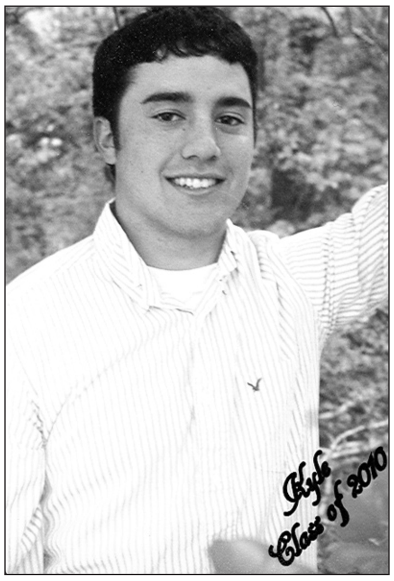
We love you and are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Kimberly Ann Walton

Kimberly Ann Walton is a 2010 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Thalia Walton and Jeff McDonald. She is the grandson of Martha and JC Hawkins and Ervin Walton. She has two brothers, Nick and Jefferson and a sister, Felicia.

Kimberly plans to continue her education by attending vo-tech or a junior college.

Kyle Crossley



Kyle Crossley is a 2010 graduate of Newcastle High School, Newcastle, Okla. He is the son of Mike and Vickie Crossley. He is the grandson of Lee and Nina Crossley and Martha and Gayle Lewis.

Kyle was active in football, basketball and baseball and maintained a 3.6 grade point average. He was selected as Student of the Month in 2009 and named Safety of the Year for 3A-1 in football and chosen to play in the OBCA All-Star game and the Jim Thorpe basketball game. He was named All-Tournament at the Newcastle High School Tournament and Bethel High School Tournament and All-Conference in 2008, 2009 and 2010 and Oklahoma Baptist Tournament if 2010. He was named to the Purcell High School All-Tournament Team in 2009 for baseball.

His plans are to attend college on a scholastic and athletic scholarship.

Leah Puller

Leah Puller is 2010 graduate of Byng High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Rebecca Puller and Randy Driskill. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Puller-Bolin and James Bolin, the late Jackson Puller, Sr., Darlene Driskill and the late Floyd Driskill.

Leah is a member of the Oklahoma Trotters, Native Voices, the Honor Roll, and active in music. She is a member of Blue Baptist Church, Connerville, Okla.

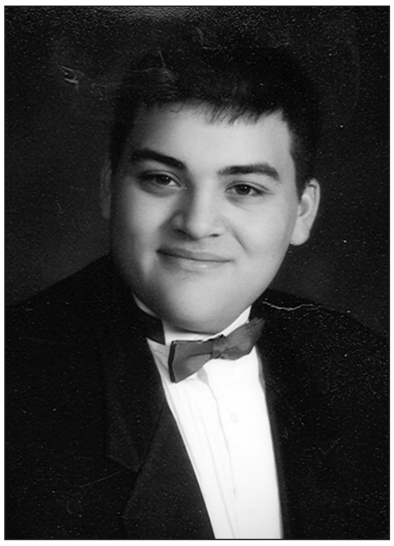
She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

Matthew Chaney

Matthew Chaney is a 2010 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Joel and Cynthia Mercer and Roy and Krystal Chaney. He is the grandson of Johnny and Opal Chaney, of Tishomingo, Okla., and Betty Jean Factor, of California.

His future plans are to attend an area vo-tech and work.

Ryan David Atkins

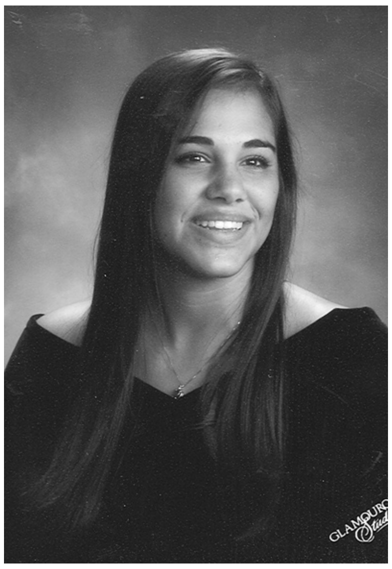


Ryan David Atkins is a 2010 graduate of Stonewall High School, Stonewall, Okla. He is the son of Stanton Atkins and Lynn Hartman. He is the grandson of Wanda R. Atkins and the late Eugene L. Atkins and James Steinbech.

Ryan has been involved in Future Farmers of America (FFA), interscholastic meets and named Student of the Month. His extracurricular activities include participating in the sporting days.

His future plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Rache Michelle Foster

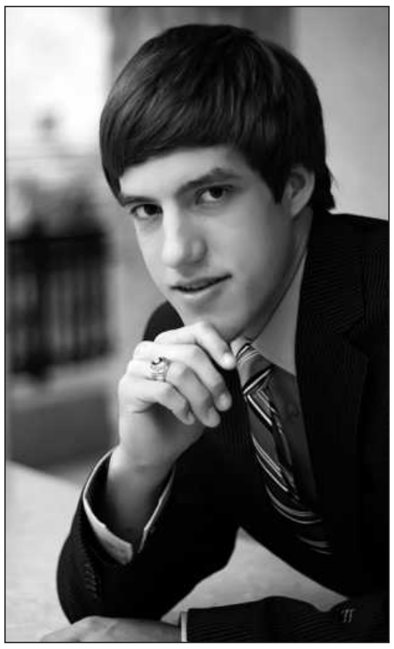


Rache Michelle Foster is a 2010 graduate of Azle High School, Azle, Texas. She is the daughter of Phillip and Michelle Foster. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Trolene Foster and Bill and Glynell Rachel.

Rache will graduate in the top 10% of her class. She was a member of PAL's, Revelation, and the prom committee. She enjoys coaching YMCA volleyball and upward basketball. She is very involved with her church youth group and the Praise and Worship Band.

She plans to attend Texas Christian University.

Mathew David Engle



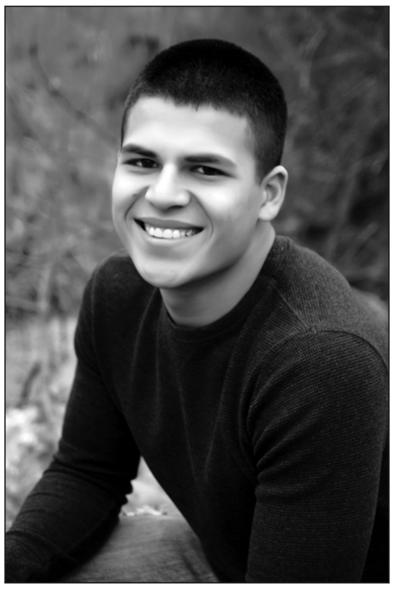
Mathew David Engle is a 2010 graduate of Keller High School, Keller, Texas. He is the son of David and Melanie Engle. He is the grandson of Lloyd and Patsy Koepp, Bobbie and Larry Puckett and David and Joyce Engle. His siblings are Kasey, Logan, Kassidy and Makayla.

Matthew loves his family including his dog, Gabriel and enjoys hanging out with his church friends and watching movies, playing video games and rooting for the Texas Rangers.

He has a big heart for the Lord and looks forward to letting God use him in many ways.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma Christian University and play on the soccer team and major in education and becoming a history teacher. He plans to go on several mission trips during the summer to spread God's plan of salvation and to demonstrate the love of Jesus.

Jon Clay Hooton



Jon “Clay” Hooton is a 2010 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Laverne and Keith Keeling and Craig and Cheryl Hooton. He is the grandson of Chuck and Betty Wasson and the late Joe and Peggy Riddle, lane and Janis Hooton and Suzanne Watts.

Clay was chosen JOM Student of the Year. He was member of the football team and named All District, a member of Young Republicans and Cougar Crazies.

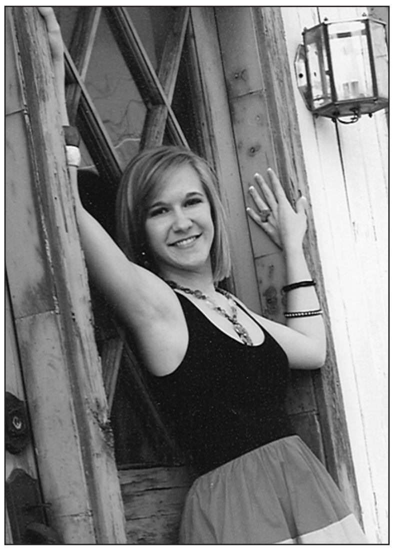
He was accepted to the University of Oklahoma and plans to attend.

Sabrina Del-Rae Stewart

Sabrina Del-Rae Stewart is a 2010 graduate of Era High School, Era, Texas. She is the daughter of Lewis and Tina Ozuna. She is the granddaughter of Donald and Janie Stewart, Betty Mask and Kenneth and Eva Followill.

Sabrina will graduate June 4, 2010. She loves working with children and has been the second grade teacher’s aide for the past two years. She has been a cheerleader since the third grade and served as captain of her high school squad during her junior and senior year. She was chosen Class Favorite for two years, a member of the yearbook staff, a homecoming queen nominee, basketball manager, and qualified for cross country regionals for two years.

Her plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, to pursue an elementary education degree.

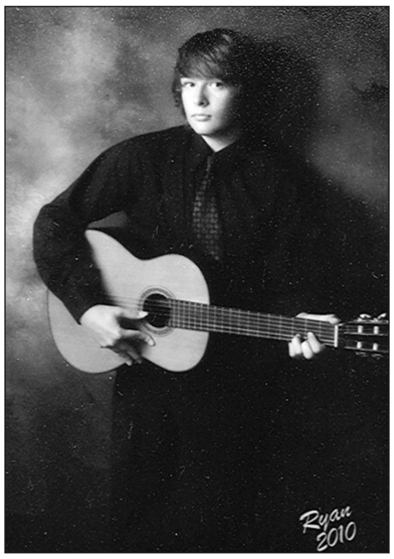


Ryan May

Ryan May is a 2010 graduate of Classen School of Advanced Studies, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Tom and Deena (Herndon) Lemons. He is the grandson of Delores Crockett and the great-grandson of original enrollee George Crockett.

Ryan is a classical guitar major and a music composition student of Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate. He performs classical guitar and is involved with the Chickasaw Nation Young Composers Cd Project.

His plans are to attend Southern Nazarene University (OK) to pursue a degree in music business and minor in classical guitar performance.

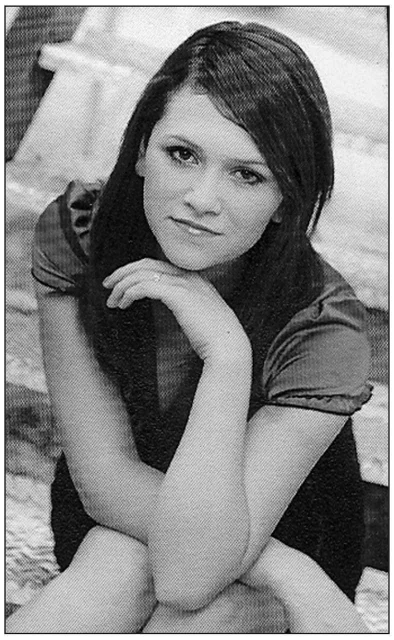


Jayla Kay Wyatt

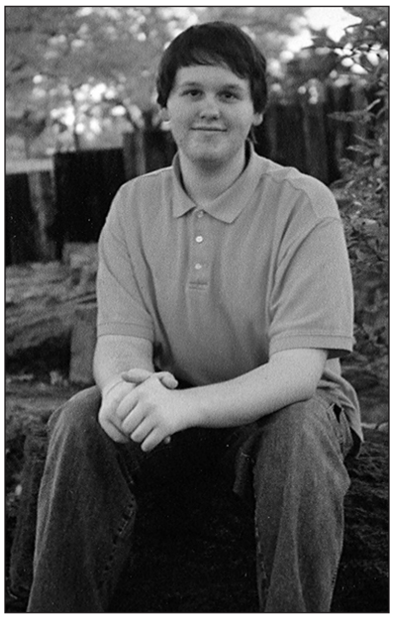
Jayla Kay Wyatt is a 2010 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of LaVonne Wyatt. She is the granddaughter of Chuck and Betty Wasson, of Dickinson, Texas., Karen Wyatt, Stonewall, Okla., and the late Bobby Wyatt and the late Joe and Peggy Riddle. She has a sister, Macee Wyatt, of Ada.

Jayla served as lead attorney for her high school’s mock trial team for two years and outstanding witness for the prior year. She was active in competitive speech performing arts, Native American Club, DECA, Tantettes and Ruff Ryders.

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla., to major in education.



Gregory Andrew-Jac Fein

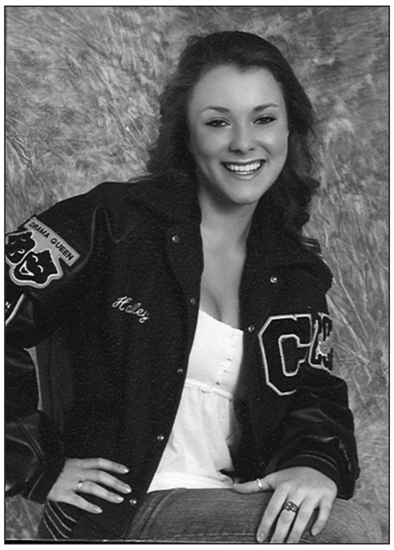


Gregory Andrew-Jac Fein is a 2010 graduate of Putnam City High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Stephanie E. Fein and Shannon Fein. He is the grandson of Shirley and Jim Cotham and Jack and Virginia Fein.

Gregory has been involved with the French Club for three years, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) for one year, named High School Bowler of the Year and Bowler of the Year for Oklahoma. He has been USSBC youth director for six years and an honor student.

His plans are to teach high school mathematics and possible bowl professionally.

Hailey Elaine Mead



Hailey Elaine Mead is a 2010 graduate of Clear Springs High School, League City, Texas. She is the daughter of Hearl E. Mead, Jr., and Dusty Mead. She is the granddaughter of Hearl E. Mead Sr., and Flora Mead.

As a member of the very first graduating class of Clear Springs High School she is proud to represent her class as a Superintendent Scholar and will graduate Cum Laude with honors in the top 10%. She has been blessed to represent her school in academics and music and drama. She was the first student to sing the National Anthem at an athletic event her sophomore year and has continued her music career participating in region choir and UIL events, All State mixed choir and served as choir club president. She is a member of drama and participated in all UIL events, drama presentations and the Tommy Tune Awards. She serves as Thespian Society president.

Her plans are to attend University of Texas at San Antonio and pursue a major in music education.

Thanks to the Chickasaw Nation for their support.

Kelby Winson Luna

Kelby Winson Luna is a 2010 graduate of Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla. He is the son of Paul and Stefanie Luna. He is the grandson of Jacky and Donna Mathis, Perry and Lilla Luna, and the late Rosalie Byars Imotichey.

Kelby's accomplishments include: Community service; Service Over Sulphur (S.O.S.), mission trips to San Antonio and Belize, member of First Baptist Church of Sulphur, Relay for Life, Sulphur Kids Association, SuperSummer (OBU), Falls Creek, Oklahoma City Marathon, Southern Oklahoma Soccer Association. Chickasaw Nation activities; Chickasaw citizen, youth council, Unity Council, Chickasaw Boys & Girls Club, Chickasaw Nation's Governor Honor Roll, Camp Survivor, winter baseball camp, Students Teaching Abstinence to Youth, summer youth employment, Native American Challenge Bowl Chickasaw team member. His achievements include: Oklahoma School of Science and Math, Tetra-County All-Conference Academic team, junior class vice-president, voted Most Likely to Succeed, Superintendent's Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, SuperSummer OK (leadership camp, four years), four-year baseball starter. His school activities includes the academic team, Business Professionals of America (BPA), the environmental club, Willing Able Ready (W.A.R.), Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), 4-H, Spanish Club, prom committee, baseball, football, basketball and student council. His interests are, church, Oasis, missions, baseball, snow boarding, travel, reading, family, friends, bow fishing, video games, music movies and concerts.

His plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma.

Miranda Brooke Kiser

Miranda Brooke Kiser is a 2010 graduate of Union High School, Tulsa. She is the daughter of Cary and Amanda Kiser and John and Michelle Haws. She is the granddaughter of Gary and Charla Kiser and the great-granddaughter of Margaret Kiser.

Miranda is a four-year starter on the softball team with a career batting average of .336. She played the positions of outfield, shortstop and as a senior played second base for the Union Redskins and recently the team played in the Oklahoma 6A State Championship Tournament. During the season she led the team in home runs, had 32 hits and 19 RBIs. She enjoys helping coach and mentoring young kids on the softball and baseball field.

Her 2009 honors and awards include: VYPE High School Magazine's All-VYPE team, Tulsa World All-Metro Softball first team and second base, Oklahoma Fast-pitch Softball Coaches Association All-State Large East second base, Oklahoma Fast-pitch Softball Coaches Association All-Region 6A first team second base, GTR Newspapers Student Athlete of the Month for October, Frontier Valley All Conference second team outfield (fastpitch), Frontier Valley All Conference first team outfield (slowpitch). Her 2008 awards include: Frontier Valley Conference first team utility, Tulsa World All Metro Utility. 2007 awards include, Frontier Valley All Conference Utility and 2006 Union High School MVP (Grove Tournament). She has received four varsity letters.

Miranda has took part in National Signing Day by signing a letter of intent to play softball at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Miami.

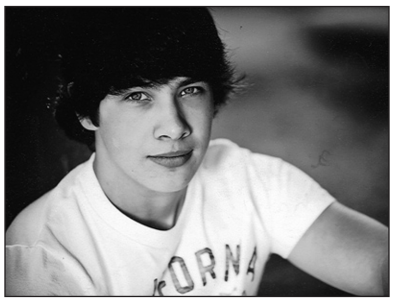
Paige Kristine Wheeler

Paige Kristine Wheeler is a 2010 graduate of St. Joseph's Academy, Chesterfield, Mo. She is the daughter of Diamond Wade and Vicki Wheeler. She is the granddaughter of Glen and Margaret Roach Wheeler and Virginia Stanislaw.

Paige is active in theater productions and choir. She earned a spot on the Frontenal Voices Honor Choir and qualified for state as a soloist and earned a solo in the 2010 Spring Concert.

She plans to attend the University of Missouri, Columbia where she was accepted in the Journalism School.

Charles Levi Brooks



Charles Levi Brooks is a 2010 graduate of Ropes High School, Ropesville, Texas. He is the son of Cecily and Terry Rumbaugh and Chad and Erin Brooks. He is the grandson of Kenneth Evans and Billie Conlee, Nelda Brooks and the late Bud Brooks.

Charles was active in six-man football, track, Future Farmers of America (FFA), and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). He enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time at his family ranch at Roaring Springs, Texas.

His plans are to attend Texas Tech University, Lubbock, for two years to become a game warden.

He is very proud of his Indian Heritage.

Hailey Maytubby

Hailey Maytubby is a 2010 graduate of Stockdale High School, Bakersfield, Calif. She is the daughter of Mark and Nancy Maytubby. She is the granddaughter of John and Pat Maytubby and Bill and Joan Casey. She is the great-granddaughter of Morris and Elsie Maytubby.

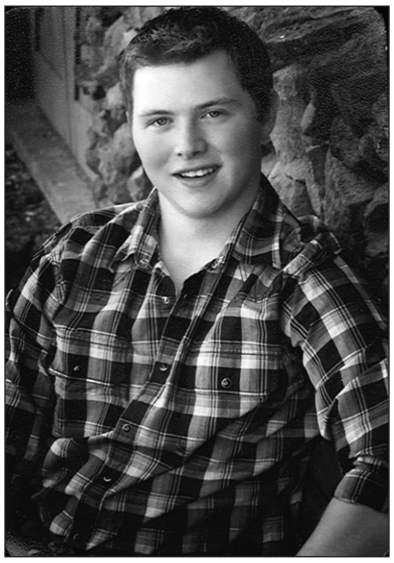
Hailey is a four-year academic honor student graduating with honors. She served as senior class officer, a four-year varsity golf player, Stockdale High School (SHS) representative for HOBY leadership conference, CSF, a member of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Presidents Volunteer Service Award. She served as president of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) for the past two years, and is a member of SHS Student Ambassador's freshmen mentoring program. She helps her church by serving food to the homeless through Flood Ministries and volunteering for the annual Bakersfield Homeless Shelter Christmas party. During the summer she works with grade school children helping them improve their computer and math skills.

LaTosha Janelle Taylor

LaTosha Janelle Taylor is a 2010 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Keith and Marsha Taylor. She is the granddaughter of Nellie Fulsom, the late Edmond Fulson and Julia Pendleton. She has a son, Riley.

LaTosha attends Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada, taking cosmetology classes.

Robert Tyler Davis



Robert (Tyler) Davis is a 2010 graduate of Deer Park High School, Deer Park, Wash. He is the son of Bob and Sueanne Davis. He is the grandson of Joe and Von Davis and Louie and Charlotte Barcellos.

Tyler is very excited to be graduating. He has maintained a 3.6 Grade Point Average (GPA) and has worked part time throughout high school. He is a member of the National Honor Society. He helps the community and the local food bank to help others in need. He loves to hunt and fish in his spare time.

His plans are to attend Eastern Washington University, Cheney to study business.

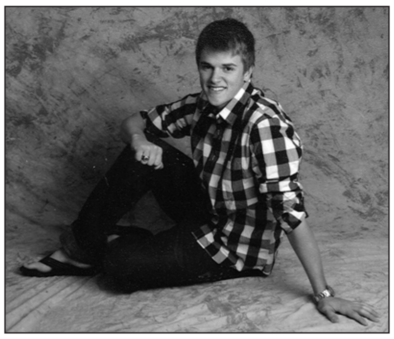
Jordan Lynn Scott

Jordan Lynn Scott is a 2010 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Danny and Michelle Key. She is the granddaughter of Lindsey and Jerrye Southward, Skeets Awtrey, Ann Key and Jayme and Judy Scott.

Jordan is a member of the National Indian Honor Society, National Honor Society, Superintendent's Honor Roll, Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Roll, Sports Network as Chickasaw Outstanding Student Spotlight. She was a cheerleader for four years, active in gymnastics, the Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM), listed in National Who's Who Among All-American Scholars, Congressional Lead American for Academic Excellence. Extracurricular Involvement and Leadership, Young Republicans, Tantettes, Ada High Leadership, Matthew 25 and volunteers at the local animal shelter, PAWS. She was recently selected to represent the Chickasaw Nation and the state of Oklahoma as an Oklahoma Sweetheart for the Oklahoma Heart Association.

Her plans are to receive a bachelor degree and a doctorate in animal science at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. After completing the veterinarian program she plans to open her own veterinarian clinic.

Jarred Robert Lewis



Jarred Robert Lewis is a 2010 graduate of Edmond High School, Edmond, Okla. He is the son of Ray and Cynthia Lewis. He is the grandson of Robet (Bob) and Lawanda May.

Jarred is the fourth born of five children, having two older sisters and one older brother and one younger brother. He was active in football for a short time but most of his attention was focused on his studies. He spends his free time playing golf, weight lifting and with his family. He is very hard working and family oriented, and loves his God and his Country.

His plans are to attend Oscar Rose Junior College and later transfer to the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

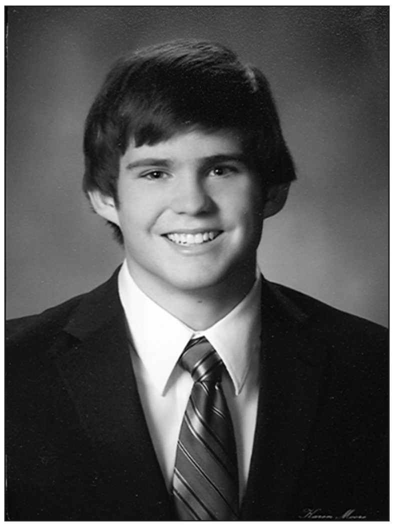
Sara Miller

Sara Miller is a 2010 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and Carla Miller. She is the granddaughter of Virgil and Martha Miller and the late Jean and James Hood.

She was active in fast pitch and slow pitch softball, basketball, a member of student council, the National Honor Society and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to major in criminal justice.

Edward Bryant Clements, Jr.



Edward Bryant Clements, Jr., is a 2010 graduate of Casady High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Edward and Matilda Clements. He is the grandson of Richard and Mary Clements, of Oklahoma City, and the late William and Lolah Mary Burford, Texas. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee the late Arline Johnson Leflore, and great-great-grandson of original enrollee and namesake the late Edward B. Johnson.

Bryant graduated with a 3.8 grade point average and received the academic award from the Oklahoma Department of Education for being an "Oklahoma Academic Scholar". He received the highest departmental award in French and speaks fluently. He was selected to serve on the teen board for the Oklahoma Heritage Association and was active in planning their fundraiser "Battle of the Bands." He served as a tutor and mentor for the Peer Academic Support Society (PASS) and was president and senior volunteer coordinator. He initiated, organized and planned a school-wide campaign in recent years to gather donations for his "Socks for Soldiers" project to assist the "Blue Star Mothers of America" who prepare care packages for service men and women oversees. He lettered in football (four years), and is an accomplished percussionist playing with the school ensemble for over six years. Receiving superior ratings at district and state competitions.

His plans are to attend the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill to pursue a degree in communications with an emphasis on media studies.

Allison Paige Wilson

Allison "Paige" Wilson is a 2010 graduate of Glenpool High School, Glenpool, Okla. She is the daughter of Vern and Connie Wilson. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Wilson, of Ardmore, Okla., Vern Sr., and Connie Wilson, of Bristow, Okla., Glen and Sandra Haney, of Ada, Okla., and the late Jeannie Haney. She is the great-granddaughter of Lillian Haney, of Coalgate and Chickasaw elder the late Bertha Allen.

Paige has been a member of the National Honor Society for four years, she is a member of student council, Native American Student Association, Drug Free Youth, Family, Careers & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and plays varsity softball. She was selected and attended Oklahoma Girls State and the Oklahoma Cadet Lawman Academy. Paige is a member of the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi youth leadership program and has been a member of the Chickasaw Nation's Governor Honor Roll throughout high school. She is an active member of Fair Church and Catalyst Youth Ministries.

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman, to major in business.

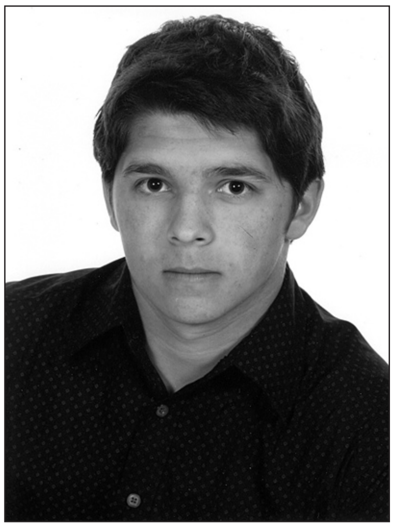
Kaci Toole

Kaci Toole is a 2010 graduate of Oklahoma Christian School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Robert and Robin Toole. She is the granddaughter of the late Richard and Patricia (McNirch) Ellis and Oluf Toole and the late Dorothy Toole.

Kaci served as yearbook editor her senior year and co-editor her junior year. She was a member of the National Honor Society for three years, and attended Oklahoma Girl's State. She participated in the art and drama department and served on her church youth leadership team.

Her plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in sociology with plans to work with children in a non-profit or mission capacity.

Luke Hullinger

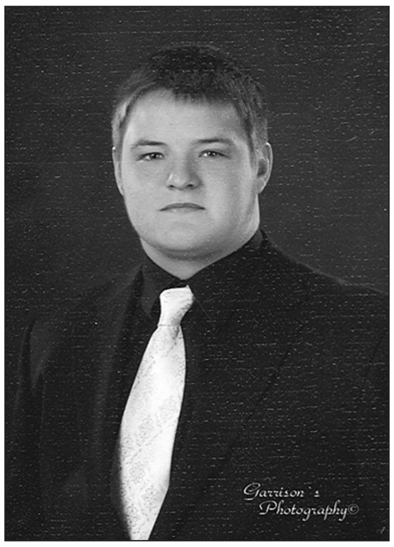


Luke Hullinger is a 2010 graduate of Norman High School, Norman, Okla. He is the son of Marc and Virginia Hullinger. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Hullinger and Mary Lou (Wilson) and Neria Sweeney.

Luke was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Rotary Interact, the Frisbee Club (publicity chair), Rocketry Club, Global Awareness (publicity chair) and selected to Boy's State. He was 'We the People' regional champion, 2008-2009 Boys' Soccer Academic State Champion, a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club, Spanish Honor Society, Oklahoma American Indian Student Honor Society and the National Honor Society.

His plans are to attend college to study engineering.

Jim Trosper



Jim Trosper is a 2010 graduate of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Kevin and Patty Trosper, Edmond, Okla. He is the grandson of Jim and Jeri Floyd and Kevin and Jane Trosper.

Jim as named All-District football player and was a member of the wrestling and golf teams.

His plans are to Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Kayla Jo Wood

Kayla Jo Wood is a 2010 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Patricia Wood and Dr. Scott and Ashley Wood. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Eugenia Wood and Phyllis Seymore.

Kayla was active in basketball, softball, cheerleading, golf, student council, Native American Club, yearbook, and is in the top 10% of her class. She was named to the All-Star Softball Team her junior and senior team, KXII A+ Athlete, and voted most school spirit by her senior class.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a major in pre-med.

Luke Patrick Norton

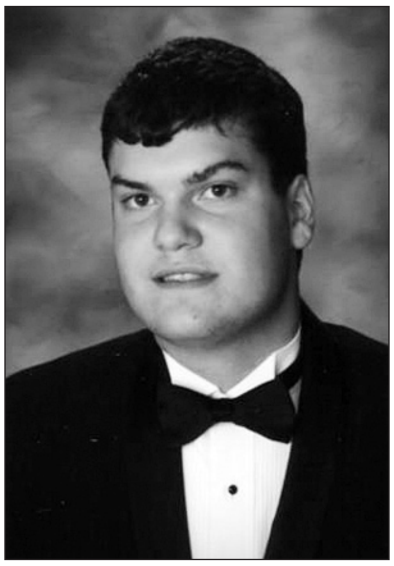
Luke Patrick Norton is a 2010 graduate of Velma-Alma High School, Velma, Okla. He is the son of Patrick and Leona Norton. He is the grandson of Johnny and Freda Bingham, of Bray, Okla., and the late Troy and Patsy Norton.

Luke will graduate May 27. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Vocational Technical Honor Society and the Chickasaw Governor's Honor club. He has been a student council representative for four years, and a member of the BETA Club for two years. He was active in football, basketball, baseball and running track. Luke attended Red River Vo-Tech for two years. He enjoys hunting, fishing, riding 4-wheelers and dirt bikes. He loves the outdoors, getting dirty and having crazy fun!

His plans are to continue his education and training for a career in law enforcement.

His family is very proud of his accomplishments and with love and prayers encourage him to set his goals high and do his best.

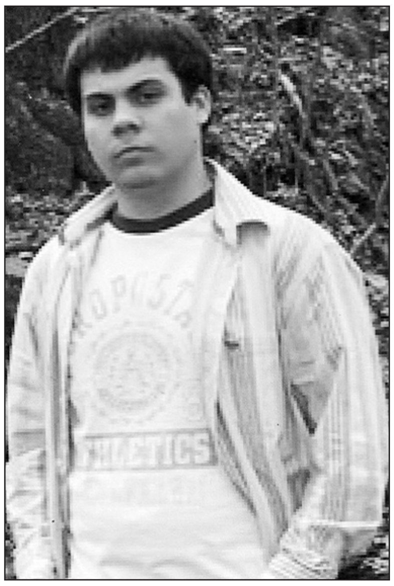
Rory Anthony Nashoba Kinney



Rory Anthony Nashoba Kinney is a 2010 graduate of San Francisco (CA) School of the Arts (SOTA). He is the son of David Kinney and Dolores Ferguson. He is the grandson of the late Ludie Elbert Kinney Jr., and Priscilla Jane Kinney (Bogue), of Oklahoma City. He is a direct descendant of Cyrus Harris, first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, and original Dawes enrollees Sarah Minnie Harris and Ludie Elbert Kinney Sr.

Rory is graduating June 3, in the Theatre Design and Technology discipline. During the past year, he has been recognized for Outstanding Participation in the AHSTF/Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, and won the second place Tech Olympic team trophy at Ohlone College High School Theatre Festival in March, 2010. He will be recognized in May 2010 at the SFUSD Indian Education Program as an outstanding Indian youth in the arts. His past award in theatre technology was the first place Scenic Design trophy at Ohlone College in April 2008. During the past six years, Rory has worked on 12 shows at SOTA, Young People's Teen Musical Theatre and ArtsEd in San Francisco gaining experience as a prop master, and in set design and construction, prop design, running crew, and spotlight. Rory's favorite sport is boxing, and he has been taking boxing classes for the past two years.

His dream is to earn a bachelor's of fine arts degree in theatre/technology and to one day work in film, television and stage – backstage.



Joseph Allen

Joseph Allen is a 2010 graduate of Tupelo High School, Tupelo, Okla. He is the son of Phillip and Lisa Allen, of Clarita, Okla. He is the grandson of Clarita Allen, Button and Sue Tisdell.

Joe is a member of the Principal's Honor Roll. He was named February Student of the Month and has been a member of the yearbook staff for four years. His activities include hanging out with family and friends and his girlfriend. He enjoys playing with his dog, watching movies and playing his PS3.

His plans are to work after graduation.

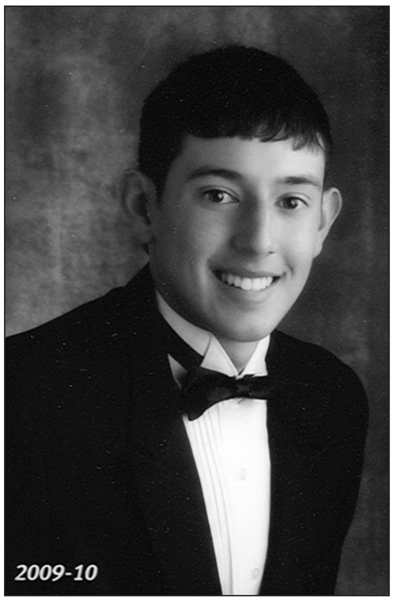
Macy Mae Hilburn

Macy Mae Hilburn is a 2010 graduate of Wapanucka High School, Wapanucka, Okla. She is the daughter of Chad and Sally Hilburn. She is the granddaughter of Vera Moore, the late Bill Moore, Betty Hilburn and the late James Hilburn.

Macy served as salutatorian of her senior class. She was active in student council (president), basketball, softball, 4-H, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), and a member of the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society. She was selected as Lions Club Student of the Month, and named to the All-Star Conference basketball team.

Her plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo to pursue a degree in the physical therapy assistant program.

David Schwab



David Schwab is a 2010 graduate of Friona High School, Friona, Texas. He is the son of Pat and Patricia Schwab. He is the grandson of Donald and Penney Schwab.

David was active in football, basketball, track and golf. He is a member of the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, the science club, woodworking, Future Farmer's of America (FFA), and a member of Friona United Methodist Youth.

His plans are to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

James Michael Davis

James Michael Davis is a 2010 graduate of Carl Albert High School, Midwest City, Okla. He is the son of Tina Washington and Rodney Johnson. He is the grandson of Rose Davis Vinson and Johnny Smith. He is the great-grandson of the late Veter L. Perkins. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee the late Frank Richardson.

James has played for the Carl Albert Titans football team on the defensive line. He was named as a 2009 Big All-City Honorable Mention and lettered in football and wrestling. He has maintained a 3.4 grade point average. He attended the Langston Leadership Youth Camp in 2008. James is a very special young man. He strives to be a good person, works hard and loves being with family.

His plans are to attend college.

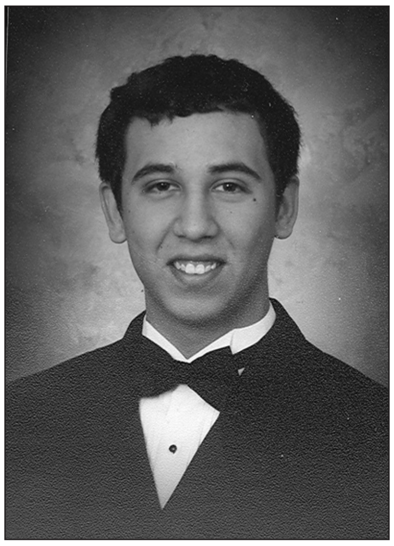
Elizabeth Ann Yochum

Elizabeth Ann Yochum is a 2010 graduate of Tishomingo High School, Tishomingo, Okla. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Jackie Yochum. She is the granddaughter of Betty Graham, the late Ellis Graham and the late Jack and Fern John.

Elizabeth served as president of student council, senior class vice-president, yearbook editor, was active in basketball (three years), track (four years), named All-Conference, basketball captain, and led her team to the state semi-finals. She was 2009 state runner up in 100 low hurdles, a Miss Indian candidate, 2009 football queen, and voted Best All Around. She is a member of Freedom Fellowship Church.

Her plans are to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond.

Trenton Allen Lee

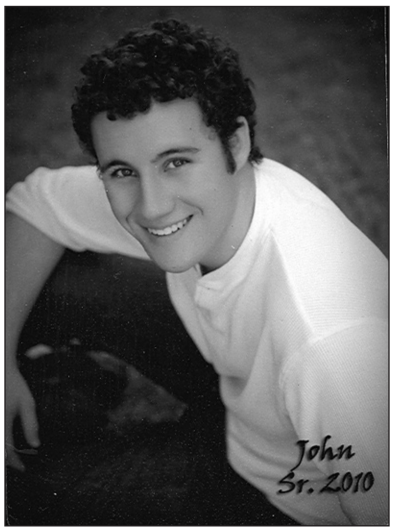


Trenton Allen Lee is a 2010 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. He is the son of Lisa Bamburg and Dennis Lee, of Ardmore, Okla. He is the grandson of Nadine Lewis, of Ardmore, Kenneth Lewis, Sr., of Ravia, Okla., and the late James Lee and the late Glenda Lee.

Trenton has maintained a 3.5 grade point average throughout high school and is ranked in the top half of his class and has been a member of the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Roll.

His plans are to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, to major in business.

John Barrett McAlester

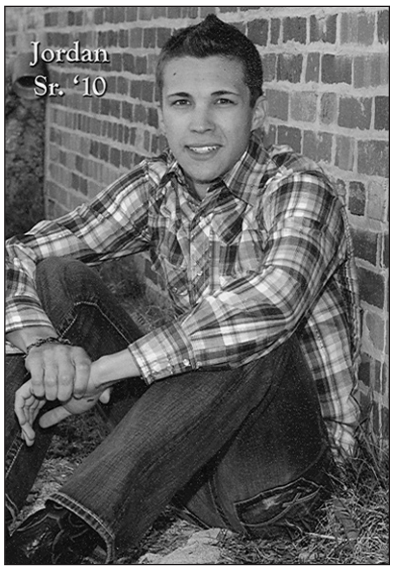


John Barrett McAlester is a 2010 graduate of McAlester High School, McAlester, Okla. He is the son of Brent and Shawnda McAlester. He is the grandson of Jerry and Pat Murphy and Mary and the late Berry McAlester.

He is a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society, Chickasaw Nation Honor Club, named Outstanding Biology 1 Student, received the Optimist Club Musician Award, a member of the National Honor Society and Oklahoma Academic Scholars.

His honors include: All District Honor Band, French Horn (1st chair 2009 – 2010, 3rd chair, 2008-2009, 2nd chair 2007-2008), All State Orchestra (4th chair French Horn, 2009-2010), Balcony Brass (French Horn 2007-present, Miss McAlester Pageant, play for local church and civic events), McAlester First Baptist Church Orchestra, McAlester High School Band, String Concerto no.1, (Recorded by Ethel String Quartet produced by Thunderbird Records), 2008 R. Strauss No.1 Superior Rating (Horn Concerto), 2009 G. Jacob Superior Rating (Concerto for Horn and Strings Mvmt. 1. He teaches private piano and French horn lessons and currently teaches five brass students and one piano student. His volunteer experience includes Balcony Brass playing for local nursing homes, churches and civic events and performed with the community choir in Handel's Messiah.

Jordan Lynn Phillips



Jordan Lynn Phillips is a 2010 graduate of Moore High School, Moore, Okla. He is the son of Danny and Debbie Phillips, of Norman, Okla. He is the grandson of Jerry and Babara Kaykendall and Earlene and Danny Raines.

Jordan is active in baseball and wrestling and he enjoys hunting, fishing, wake boarding, snow boarding, mudding, spending time at the lake and visiting with family and friends.

His plans are to attend a college in Oklahoma.

Tessa Lynn Henry

Tessa Lynn Henry is a 2010 graduate of Yukon High School, Yukon, Okla. She is the daughter of Gary and Diane Henry. She is the granddaughter of Wayne and Janelle McDaniel. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Betty Lee Hawley Gibson, the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee the late Elizabeth Colley Hawley and the great-niece of Daisey Hawley Blackbird, the oldest living Chickasaw citizen and the last living original enrollee.

Tessa was active in vocal, honor choir, the National Honor Society, advanced placement, carries a 4.5 grade point average and is student class valedictorian.

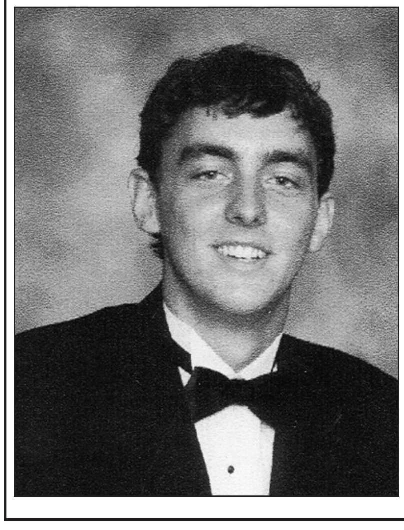
Her plans are to attend Oklahoma Christian University.

Jackalyn Kandle

Jackalyn Kandle is a 2010 graduate of Powell High School, Powell, Wyo. She is the daughter of Deborah and Dan Kandle. She is the granddaughter of Ann and Doyle Mayer and Sue and Dave Kandle.

Jackalyn's school activities include: softball (3 years, league championship 2007-2009), soccer (two years), basketball (one year), choir (three years at Naches Valley High School), choir member (one year Powell High School), art club (three years), Future Farmers of America (FFA) (two years), Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), the National Honor Society, Gold N, Dollars for Scholars and served as manager for Powell High School boys swimming. She received the following awards, Presidential Award (2006), "A" honor roll (2002-2009), Student of the Month for English (Nov. 2006), athletic award varsity letter for soccer and Washington Interscholastic activities association award for varsity soccer state 2006 and softball, selected one of five best Anti-Drug and Alcohol Slogan poster (2007), Student of the Month (April 2007), degree of green hand for Future Farmers of American (2007), National Honor Roll Award for Academic Achievement (2007-2008), nominated for Evergreengirls State (2009), Top Girl (Naches High School for the Upper Yakima Valley), Masonic Education Council 2009 Jr. Achievement Award, lettered for managing boys swimming (2009-2010), and academic award at Powell High School for having 4.0 grade point average (2009). She enjoys, church, spending time outside with family and friends, dirt bike riding, camping, hunting, skiing and snowmobiling.

Alex Hamby

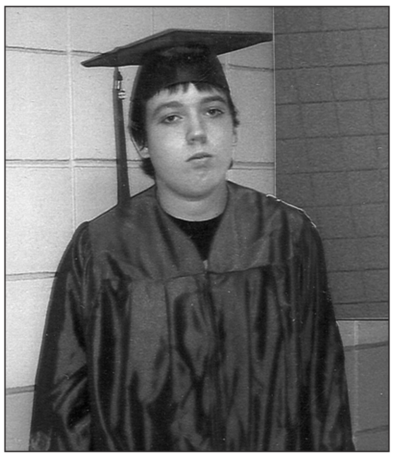


Alex Hamby is a 2010 graduate of Paradise High School, Paradise, Texas. He is the son of Pam Hamby and Ronnie Hamby. He is the grandson of Lee and Glenda Hamby and John and Marilyn Redmond.

Alex was active in basketball (three years), baseball (one year) and yearbook.

His plans are to attend a local junior college for two years then attend Texas Tech University like his brothers.

Steven Alexander Scott Gambel



Steven Alexander Scott Gambel is the son of Fran and Steve Gambel, of Madill, Okla. He graduated from Talking Leaves Job Corp, Tahlequah, Okla., in 2009 receiving a degree in culinary arts and began classes at Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., in August 2009.

While a student of the Madill School System he participated in football (fifth grade through ninth grade), wrestling (seventh grade), and baseball (ninth grade). He was a member of the Gifted and Talented Program, a member of the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Club, named Top Chickasaw Male Student, involved with the Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM), for two years and one of six top academic students in the fourth grade.

His plans are to obtain an associates degree from Murray State College.

Kelli Dawn May

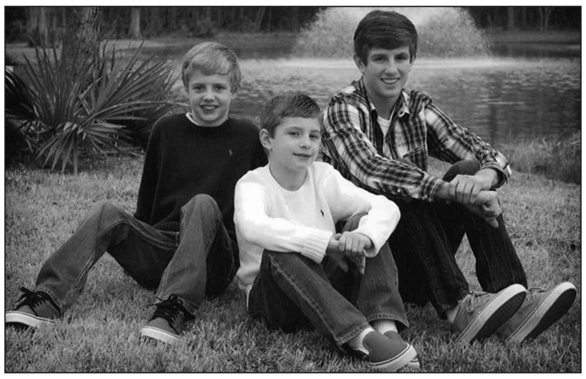
Kelli Dawn May is a 2010 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Reba and Jorge Hernandez and Clark May. She is the granddaughter of Carol Stout, Ruby McKinney, the late Florence Stout, Betty Dodd, Bertha Pettigrew. She is the great-granddaughter of Caroline Milligan.

Kelli is an exceptional daughter, she is hard headed and loving at the same time. She is a complicated young woman who goes and gets what she wants. She is active in vocal and robotics and this is where she found her calling. Since joining the FIRST team, she has decided she would love to become the first Chickasaw woman engineer, and with her qualities I know she can make this dream happen. She loves reading, texting, and being with her family and friends. Her plans are to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Much love and support from your whole family those still here and those that have already gone to a better place. Good luck and make your dreams come true.

Pride and Joy

Price, Matthew and Jack Atteberry

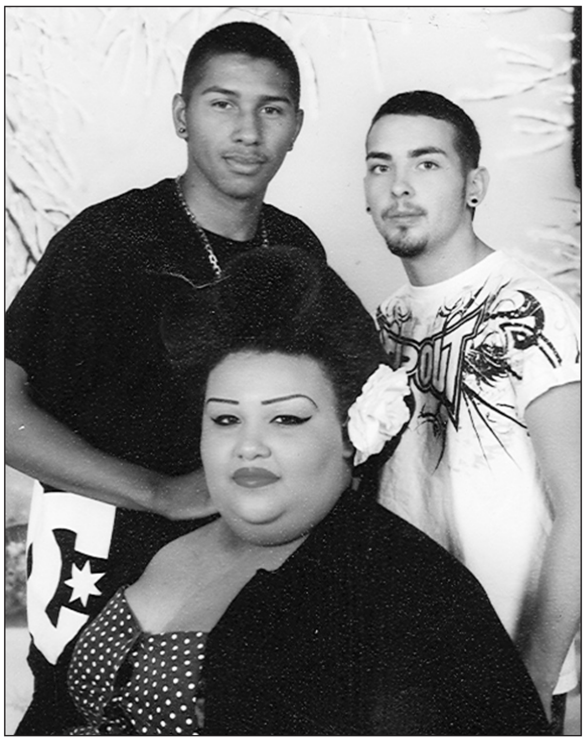


Price, Matthew and Jack Atteberry are the sons of Robert and Dana Atteberry, of Kingwood, Texas. They are the grandsons of Nick and Jean Haddock. They are the great-grandsons of Lillian Louise Haddock, the daughter of original enrollee Winnie L. Blocker.

The Atteberry boys are growing up! Price, 15, Matthew, 11 and Jack, eight, are fine examples of young men who are the future of our Nation. They study hard, do their best, play sports, remembering good sportsmanship on the field and in life endeavors.

They honor God and Country and meet adversity with strength. They have lost three family members in the past few years, recently their grandfathers and have been faithful in paying tribute and respect to their memory.

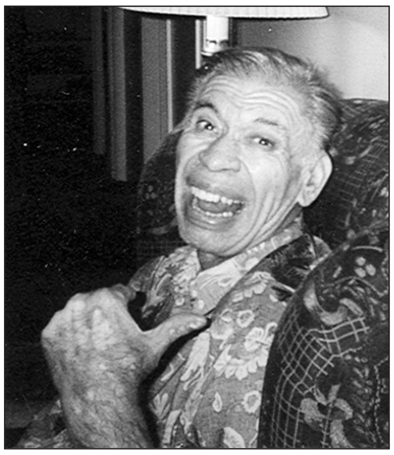
Mercedes Pipins, D.J. Wands and Vincent Jaramillo



Mercedes Pipins, D.J. Wands and Vincent Jaramillo are the children of Rose Anne Pipins, of Belen, N.M. They are the grandchildren of Joe and Angela Pipins.

My children are my pride and joy because they make me proud of them everyday. I love you Mama, Bubba and Boo Boo.

Joe M. Pipins



Joe M. Pipins, of Claremont, Calif., is the father of RoseAnne Pipins and Erik Pipins. He is the grandfather of Mercedes Pipins, D.J. Wands and Vincent Jaramillo.

My parent is my pride and joy. My dad Joe is my hero! He just celebrated his 50th year of service at Metropolitan Water District, of La Verne, Calif. He is a cancer survivor and a stroke victim sinch 1984 and still manages to make everyone smile and laugh through his illness. My dad, grandfather is the best. We are very proud of him. My Dad completes us as a family.

We love you dad!

Full-time positions open at the Chickasaw Nation Health System

The Chickasaw Nation Health System has full-time, immediate openings within the tribal boundaries for qualified medical personnel in the following specialties:

- 1 General Surgeon, Ada
- Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant, Ardmore

For details on any of the professional positions listed above, please contact:

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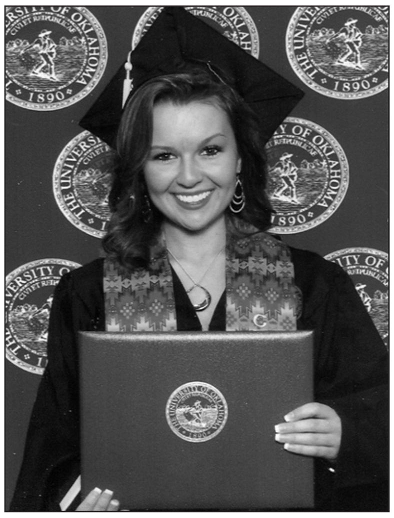
Stephenie Breanne Bowlware



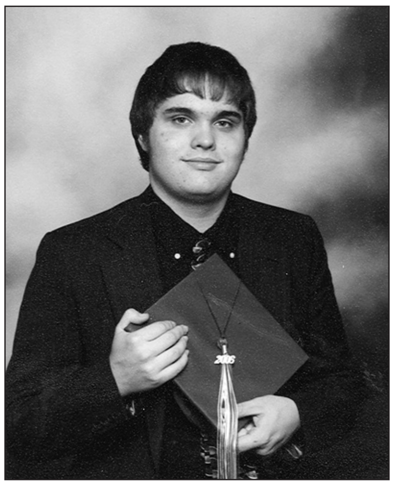
Stephenie Breanne Bowlware is a December 2009 graduate from the University of Oklahoma (OU), Norman, earning a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Bowlware. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bowlware, of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waldrop, of Norman, and Ms. Jane Waldrop, of Lake Charles, La.

Her college distinctions are the President's Honor Roll, Chickasaw Nation Holitoplichi Honor's Distinction College of Education's Undergraduate Scholarship and Chickasaw Nation scholarship. Her activities at OU include the Delta Gamma Sorority, OU Cousins (Paris international students with American students to promote and enhance cultural exchange), and College Republicans.

She is thankful for the tribe's support throughout her four years of higher education.

Her great-great-grandmother Lillie Moore Walton is on the Indian Dawes roll #3292.

Michael Bryant Harvey



Michael Bryant Harvey, of Quitman, Texas, is a 2010 graduate of Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla. He is the son of David and Lisa Harvey. He is the grandson of Sue Brown Harvey and Elton E. Harvey. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee "Isa to-Ba" (White Deer) Josiah Brown.

Michael received an associates degree in applied science gunsmithing technology.

Whytney Reneé Mask

Whytney Rene'e
Senior 2010

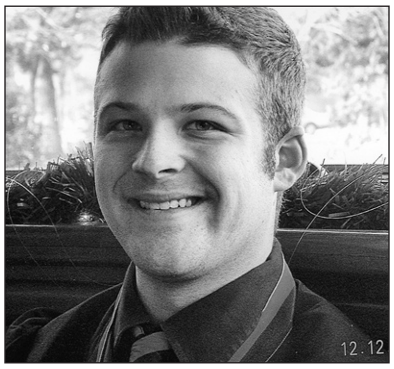
Whytney Reneé Mask, of Whitewright, Texas will graduate May 8, 2010 from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas. She is the daughter of Lewis and Tina Ozuna. She is the granddaughter of Donald and Janie Stewart, Betty Mask, and Kenneth and Eva Followill.

Whytney will graduate with a bachelors of arts degree in phychology with a Spanish minor.

Her plans are to work in the psychology field at Lubbock, Texas. She will also begin work on her master's degree in the fall.

Whytney is very active in mission work. In the past year she has gone with teams to Mombasa and Limura, Kenya for three weeks and La Huazteca Hidalgo, Mexico, for one week. She will travel to Haiti this summer.

Benjamin Adam Bowlware

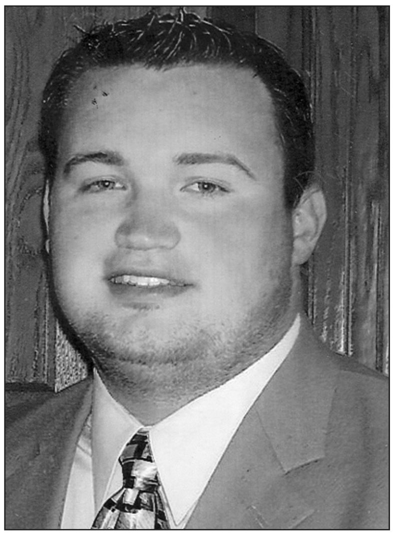


Benjamin Adam Bowlware is a December 2009 graduate from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, earning degrees in advertising and broadcast journalism. His plans are to move to Portland, Ore., in August to combine his degrees with a career in music. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bowlware, of Edmond, Okla., He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bowlware, of Oklahoma City, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cowperthwaite, of Edmond.

He is thankful for the tribe's support throughout his four years of higher education.

His great-great-grandmother Lillie Moore Walton is on the Indian Dawes Roll #3292.

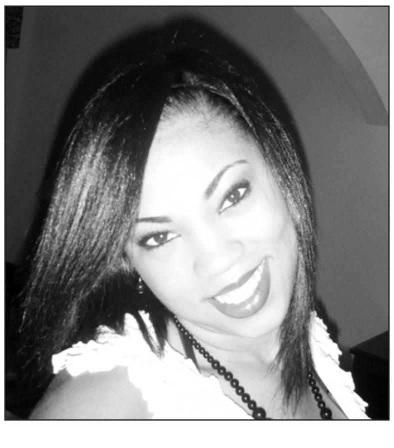
Corey Shane Bigelow



Corey Shane Bigelow will graduate May 15, 2010 from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration in management information systems and management. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bigelow. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bigelow and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Beck and the late Norma Lean Bigelow.

Corey's great-great-grandmother Lillie Moore Walton is on the Indian Dawes Roll #3292.

Chansey Stevenson



Chansey Stevenson is a 2010 graduate from the University of Oklahoma, Norman, majoring in Native American Studies and earning double minor in anthropology and African American studies. She is the daughter of Lindsey and Yolanda Stevenson, of Oklahoma City. She is the granddaughter of Patricia and Archie Thomas, of Chickasha, Okla., and the great-granddaughter of Odessa Crawford and Earlene Lewis, both of Ada, Okla.

She is a Sonner's Traditions Scholar since 2005 and has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll since January of 2008. She is an active member of the Chickasaw Nation Service Learning and Chickasaw Leadership Communities. She was recipient of the 2005 Headlands Indian Health Professionals Program and Scholarship. She currently interns at the Chickasaw Nation Chokka'Kililpi" Family Resource Center in Norman.

Her plans are to obtain a nursing degree and devote her medical expertise to Indian Health Services.

She is grateful for the opportunities and support the Chickasaw Nation has provided throughout her life. She would like to reciprocate that relationship by giving back and improving the overall longevity of our people.

Upward Bound students participate in team building

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students

On March 19-20, 2010, 125 students and chaperones spent two fun-filled days in Dallas participating in a variety of educational activities.

The students were given a behind-the-scenes tour of the Dallas Stars hockey rink and later attended a game between the Dallas Stars and Philadelphia Flyers. For many of the students and chaperones, attending a hockey game was a new experience.

The students also participated in a tour of the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium. Students had a worksheet of facts and trivia about the new stadium that they completed while on the tour. They were able to ask their tour guide questions about the design, construction, cost and intricate details of the amazing facility.

Another highlight of the trip took place at Group Dynamix team building facility. The students participated in various team building and mind challenging activities. During the morning session students had to work together as a team to complete many of the tasks which encouraged communication, problem solving, critical thinking and group unity.

Following the morning session the students were given the opportunity to harness up and attempt the high elements of the ropes course. The obstacles challenged fears and mind limits while strengthening self-confidence. Many of the students participated in the course while others stayed below and cheered on their peers.

This trip gave newly recruited students the opportunity to meet new people, develop friendships and create connections before moving onto campus for the six-week summer session which begins on June 1, 2010.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students participating in a team building exercise during their spring break trip to Dallas.

Dawn Ryals is 'Student of the Month'

Dawn Ryals

Ms. Dawn Ryals, a senior at Wapanucka (OK) High School, is the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month for March 2010. Dawn has been a participant in Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program for three years. She was recently selected to serve as her class valedictorian and has a 4.0 grade point average. She is the student council vice-president, and president of the National Honor Society.

Dawn volunteers annually at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair, Chickasaw Foundation's annual t-ball tournament and by participating with the clean-up of her church and other buildings and facilities. Upon graduation she plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma and major in secondary math education.

Ms. Dawn Ryals, Chickasaw Foundation March Student of the Month.

Foundation celebrates U.S. National Volunteer Week, April 19 - 25, 2010

National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order designating the week as an annual celebration of volunteering.

Every year since that time, each U.S. president, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

A service of the Points of Light & Hands On Network, this year's theme is Celebrating People in Action. The theme captures the meaning behind this signature week – honoring the individuals who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities.

National Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers have to "inspire by example." Volunteers encourage those they help and motivate others to serve. The Chickasaw Foundation appreciates the many volunteers at our events throughout the year. Our success is because of YOU!

(Information obtained from the website)

Oklahoma Optical

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Oklahoma Optical is located at 1005 North Country Club Road in Ada, Oklahoma.

A new showroom and large display area makes finding the right style more convenient for customers!

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For more information, please contact Dixie Ernst-Phillips at (580) 332-2796.

Foundation officers study fundraising elements during Baltimore conference

Johnna R. Walker, Chickasaw Foundation Executive Director, and Tracie Carter, Foundation Special Projects Coordinator, attended the Association of Fundraising Professionals 47th International Conference on Fundraising April 10-14 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Ms. Walker and Ms. Carter are both members of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and currently sit on the Oklahoma Chapter board. Ms. Walker serves as the 2010 President and Ms. Carter as the philanthropy chairman.

Keynote speakers for the conference were Lee Woodruff, who is the life and family contributor for ABC's Good Morning America and a freelance writer; Mr. Peter Thum who is the founder of Ethos™ Water (www.ethoswater.com) and a pioneering social entrepreneur. Ethos is sold in Starbucks and marketed by Pepsi to other retailers across North America; and Archbishop Desmond Mpilo Tutu, the South African cleric and activist who rose to worldwide fame during the 1980s as an opponent of apartheid. In 1984, Bishop Tutu became the second South African to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents nearly 30,000 members in more than 190 chapters throughout the world, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education and certification programs. The association fosters development and growth of fundraising professionals and promotes high ethical standards in the fundraising profession.

(Information obtained from the Association of Fundraising Professionals website)

CHICKASAW NATION INDUSTRIES

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With many positions available, we are hiring across the country in various industries.

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Chickasaw Preference

Tribal Health Division recognizes 'Team of the Year,' 'Employee of the Year'

Marcy Gray

2009 Team of the Year - Front row from left, Dr. Karina Jandziszak, Dr. Humberto Quintero, Shannon Neal, Brenda Anderson, Shannon Wagnon, and Audrey Ennis. Back row from left, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Dr. Stephen O'Grady, Jaime Sutton and Stephen Shelton. Dr. Pat Mason and Thalia Walton are not pictured.

Donny James receives the 2009 Employee of the Year award from Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator. Photo by Marcy A. Gray.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health recognized its "Employee of the Year" and "Team of the Year" Awards during an April 15 ceremony at the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

Property and Supply worker Donny James was named "Employee of the Year."

The Pediatric Clinic Team won "Team of the Year" award.

Mr. James ensures all supplies are delivered in timely manner and to the appropriate locations. He always has a smile and friendly greeting for everyone he meets. Co-workers described Mr. James as "the most energetic and helpful employee," who was always willing to help out whenever needed.

Known for the quality care delivered to infants and children, the Pediatric Clinic Team has earned the trust of parents. Many parents drive long distances to bring their children to the tribal Division of Health for care.

The team continues to step up and perform above and beyond the norm. Team members support and encourage each other during "challenging" times, coworkers said.

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator, presented trophies to the winners and nominees.

"I just want to thank everyone for all you do and for participating in this," she said. "I think it's important for us to recognize each other, for you to recognize each other. We honor that."

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Farmer's Market Nutrition Program supplies fresh fruit, vegetables

The Chickasaw Nation Farmer's Market Nutrition Program kicked off the summer season on May 1.

The program provides checks to eligible participants for the purchase of Oklahoma-grown fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmer's markets and farm stands throughout the Chickasaw Nation and surrounding areas. Additional benefits include nutrition education and food demonstrations.

All Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutritional Program (WIC) participants are eligible and will receive checks in local WIC offices during regularly scheduled pick up appointments.

Seniors are also eligible for participation if they:

Meet income requirements

Receive services from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Are Native American 55 years of age or older and a CDIB card holder

Are Non-Native American 60 years of age or older living in a Native American household

Are disabled persons under 60 years of age living in housing for elderly with congregate nutrition services

Are fully disabled Chickasaw citizens (as determined by SSI)

Applications can be received by mail or picked up at WIC and Food Distribution Program sites in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan, Marlow or Achille and will be accepted until Sept. 30. The application can also be found at www.chickasaw.net.

The Chickasaw Nation Farmers' Market checks for eligible seniors and disabled Chickasaw citizens will be issued according to an issuance calendar that will be distributed with all applications. The issuance calendar will list the date, time and location for check pick-up.

Participants can redeem their checks until Nov. 30.

For more information, contact Jennifer Hayes at (888) 436-7255 or (580) 436-7255.

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AudioCare reminds patients of appointments

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has recently implemented AudioCare, an automated patient care reminder system, at the satellite clinics in Tishomingo, Ardmore, Durant and Purcell.

The system benefits patients by reminding them of their appointments in a timely fashion.

Patients receive reminder calls two days before their scheduled appointments. The call hours are made between 5:15 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The automated calls confirm, cancel or reschedule appointments. If the patient chooses to cancel or reschedule, he will receive a follow-up call from a Division of Health staffer the next day.

If a patient's number is busy, the system redials in five minutes. If the automated call is not answered, patients will receive another call after 15 minutes. An answering machine or a voice mail constitutes a successful contact.

The system began operation at the Tishomingo clinic on April 14 and is scheduled for implementation at other clinics May 10.

For more information, contact the clinics in Tishomingo (877) 240-2720; Ardmore (877) 242-4347; Durant (877) 240-2725; and Purcell (877) 584-3289.

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Annual Diabetes Camp set for June 14-18 at Treasure Valley

DAVIS, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center will host the annual Diabetes Camp June 14-18 at The Inn at Treasure Valley in Davis.

The camp educates patients on preventive measures to help control their blood sugar through proper nutrition and exercise.

The free camp welcomes any Chickasaw Nation Division of Health patient. Participants are allowed to bring a guest or family member to the camp. All campers and guests must be over 12 years of age and have a medical consent form signed by their medical provider to attend.

The deadline for registration is Friday, May 14.

For more information or to register, contact Shon McCage at (800) 851 -9136, (580) 421-4532 or shondra.mccage@chickasaw.net.

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Over 2,000 kids, parents enjoy 2010 Children's Fair in Ada

Cade Smith, 2, of Ada, enjoys the petting farm at the 2010 Children's Fair.

Marcy Gray

Diaper Dash winners from left, Gold Medal: Audrey Long, of Ada, parents Aaron and Jannason Long. Silver Medal: Easton Bell, of Okmulgee, Okla., parents, Tracey and Erin Bell. Bronze Medal: Jaylyn Matchie, of Konawa, Okla., parents, Todd and Kristine Matchie. Fourth Place: Sonny Victor, of Ada, parents, Sean and Cassie Victor.

ADA, Okla. – More than 2,100 people attended the Chickasaw Nation 2010 Children's Fair Saturday, April 24 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex.

The family-oriented, free event celebrated the Week of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. This year's theme of the Week of the Young Child was "Early Years are Learning Years."

"This event is a great opportunity for the community to join together for a fun event with a purpose," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "It is inspiring to see everyone making a contribution toward a better future for our children."

Allen, Okla., native Ramona Walker, who has been coming to the fair for the last eight years, said that the event is "getting bigger and better" every year.

"They have got more stuff for kids to enjoy and you see all kinds of activities," said the 53-year-old grandmother of six.

The best part of the fair, according to Walker, was the entertainment, which included the Chepota Chikashshanompoli (Children's Chickasaw Language Club) singing "Take me to ball game" in Chickasaw language. Walker's grandchildren were among the performers.

Some of the other featured events were: performances by the Child Development Center, Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe, martial arts demonstration, a talent showcase, two fashion shows displaying traditional Native American as well as contemporary clothing, the annual diaper dash and many more.

The event also featured prizes, information booths, food, rides, a petting farm, face painting and many other activities throughout the day.

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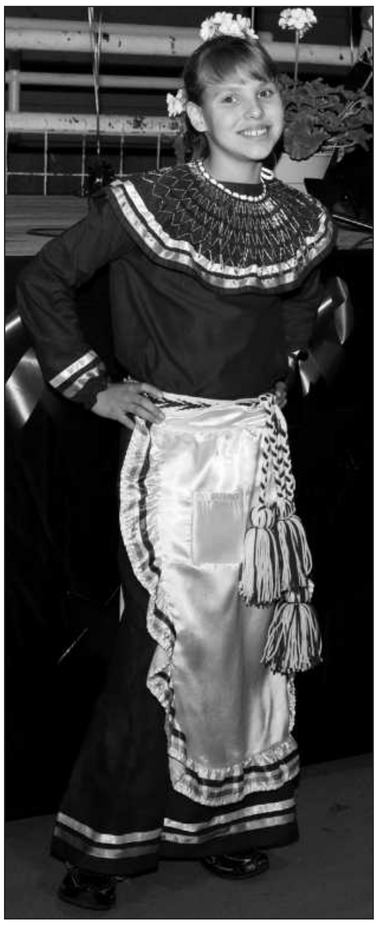
Chepota Chikashshanompoli (Children's Chickasaw Language Club) prepare to sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" at the 2010 Children's Fair.



Sara Dobbs of Ada, displays a traditional Chickasaw dress accented with an intricate beaded collar and finger-woven belt during the 2010 Children's Fair.

Five-year-old Mason Holland of Ada, has his face painted at the 2010 Children's Fair.

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The Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Program Announces Classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington
May 11: 10 a.m. and noon
May 13: 10 a.m. and noon
June 8: 10 a.m. and noon
June 10: 10 a.m. and noon
June 15: 10 a.m. and noon
June 17: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook
May 12: 10 a.m. and noon
May 13: 6 p.m.
June 9: 10 a.m. and noon
June 16: 10 a.m. and noon
June 17: 6 p.m.
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.
May 11: 10 a.m. and noon
May 12: 10 a.m. and noon
June 8: 10 a.m. and noon
June 9: 10 a.m. and noon
June 15: 10 a.m. and noon
June 16: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.
May 11: 10 a.m. and noon and 7 p.m
May 13: 10 a.m. and noon
June 8: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
June 10: 10 a.m. and noon
June 15: 10 a.m. and noon and 7 p.m
June 17: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family! Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day! Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability.

CHICKASAW HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER chic

Located in the main lobby of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) is a free online health information center for patients, family members and staff. The center is equipped with computers and one kiosk with Internet access to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) databases. The goal of CHIC is to assist patients in making informed health choices, and to encourage patients to actively participate in their health care. The NLM website has information on medical diagnosis, medications, prevention, the latest medical research and published medical articles. Also included is information on the "Speak Up" Program which is a national campaign to encourage patients to be informed and take an active role in communicating with their health care team.

Visit www.chicresources.net

Dealing with sexual assault

'Walkin' in the Park' creates awareness

ADA, Okla. - About 50 people of all ages turned out at Wintersmith Park Saturday, April 10 to raise awareness about sexual assault during the second annual "Walkin' the Park to Prevent Sexual Assault."

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Office of Safe and Stable Families, the mission of the event was twofold.

"We really wanted to both promote wellness and raise awareness for the problem of sexual assault," said Karen Gaddis, Chickasaw Nation Office of Safe and Stable Families assistant director. "Every two minutes, a woman is sexually assaulted. That means in the time it takes to walk around the park, more than fifteen women could suffer."

According to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, almost 40 percent of females are victims of attempted or completed rape during their lifetimes. College women are most at risk, with one in 36 college women a victim of rape or attempted rape each year. About 20 percent of Oklahoma high school students reported being hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past 12 months, compared with nine percent of students nationwide.

Native American women are three percent more likely to be sexually assaulted than their peers.

Former sexual assault victim's advocate, Dalena Stidely said many times the assaults go unreported.

"It's really alarming how often that these women suffer without telling anyone," she said.

The walk was conducted in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention at (580) 310-6620.

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Elder case manager ready to help you

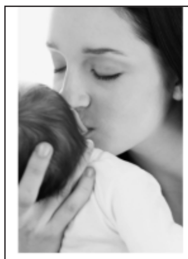
Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Lori Dodson, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Health At-Large case manager will assist

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on division of health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.



Research Study for Women with Previous Gestational Diabetes

ARE YOU:	YES	NO
An American Indian woman who was diagnosed with gestational diabetes in a previous pregnancy?	☑	☐
Between the ages of 19 and 45?	☑	☐
A woman who obtains healthcare services through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health?	☑	☐

If you answered "**YES**" to all the above questions, you may be eligible to participate in a research study which will help you determine if you have risk factors for type 2 diabetes or heart disease. You will gain valuable information related to how to live a healthy lifestyle and decrease your risk for diabetes and heart disease.

This research program is offered at no cost to you.

All participants will receive a Walmart Gift Card.

	YES	NO
Are you interested?	☑	☐

Call Emily Jones, the Principal Investigator, at 1-877-236-3002 (toll-free)

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA
ACHILLE
Rabies Clinic
June 3, (580) 436-7356

ADA
Rabies Clinic
May 14, (580) 436-7356

Adult Tennis
June 7-10 and 14-17, (580) 310-6620

ARDMORE
Rabies Clinic
May 12, (580) 226-4821

Community Crop Walk
June 12, (580) 310-6620

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

Rabies Clinic
June 10, (580) 622-2888

ENOS
Rabies Clinic
July 1, (580) 622-2888

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, (580) 564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570

KULLIHOMA
Stomp Dance
June 4, (580) 332-8685

Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion)
June 4-5, (580) 332-8685

SULPHUR
Rabies Clinic
May 12, (580) 622-2888

MADILL
Rabies Clinic
June 24, (580) 622-2888
NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
American Indian Learners Conference
May 22, (580) 272-5520

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Linda O'Hagan, 405-350-3311

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

TISHOMINGO
Summer Film Series
May 28, (580) 371-3351

Rabies Clinic
June 17, (580) 622-2888

Summer Film Series
June 18, (580) 371-3351

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m., every other month
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly meetings- Phoenix, AZ
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings-Ontario, CA
William Chandler, 714-604-5224

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly Meetings- Denver area
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly Meetings- Wichita, KS
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219 or Pam Harjo, 316-393-0696

LOUISIANA
Northern Louisiana Chickasaws
Quarterly Meetings- Monroe, LA
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaws
Quarterly Meetings- Enfield, CT
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings- Albuquerque, NM
Vadare Cornelison, 505-332-1776

NORTH CAROLINA
Chickasaws of North Carolina
Quarterly Meetings- Fayetteville, NC
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings- Portland, OR
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.- Austin, TX
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.- San Antonio, TX
Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.- Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Texarkana Chickasaws
Quarterly Meetings- Texarkana, TX
Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481

Rabies clinics set for May dates

Native American pet owners are invited to bring their cats and dogs for a free vaccination at one of several rabies clinics planned this summer.

The clinics are sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) program and vaccines will be administered by local veterinarians.

Participants should bring their pets and their CDIB card to one of the designated locations during the hours listed below.

Pauls Valley
Wednesday, May 5
Wacker Park
10 a.m. – Noon
Purcell
Friday, May 7
Purcell Area Office
10 a.m. – Noon
Sulphur
Wednesday, May 12
Sulphur Area Office
10 a.m. – Noon
Ardmore
Friday, May 14
Ardmore Area Office
10 a.m. – Noon
Ada
Friday, May 14
Pontotoc County Agri-Plex
10 a.m. – Noon

For more information, contact the Ada Area Office at (580) 436-7256.

Research study seeks Indian women previously diagnosed with gestational diabetes

If you are an American Indian woman diagnosed with gestational diabetes during a previous pregnancy, are between the ages of 19 and 45 and obtain health care services through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health, you may be eligible to participate in a research study.

This research study will help determine if you have risk factors for type 2 diabetes or heart disease. It will also teach you valuable information on how to live a healthy lifestyle and decrease your risk for diabetes and heart disease.

The research study is free of charge and all participants receive a Wal-mart gift card.

For additional information, please contact Emily Jones at 1-877-236-3002.

Savannah River Chickasaws: Tribe's 'Georgia branch'

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The dust jacket blurb on Edward J. Cashin's last book, concerning the Savannah River Chickasaws in colonial South Carolina and Georgia, says it was long overdue. In a sense that's true because the source material has been accessible to researchers for years, but we have used it sparingly.

It has been noted in several articles and books that at least 80 Chickasaws, initially led by Squirrel King, worked for the British and lived for many years near the Savannah River city of Augusta, GA.

As a scholar of colonial Georgia and a long-time Augusta State University history professor, Ed Cashin had more interest in the region's history than most. And in his later years, as he reviewed the documents relative to the 60-year Chickasaw presence, he thought they could be organized into a book.

Actually, this was after he was nudged into undertaking the project by Memphis, Tenneesse, researcher Denise Tapp, who had encouraged me several years ago to check out the large amount of microfilmed documents pertinent to Chickasaw history at the University of Memphis's McWerter Library.

After he began writing the book, Cashin took the unusual step for an academician of sending his work for review to the tribe whose history he was chronicling. Specifically, he sent chapters to me and Kirk Perry, then administrator of Heritage Preservation and current administrator of the Division of Policies and Standards.

We told him we were glad he was writing the book and independently offered comments and suggestions on the manuscript. Perry shared cultural information that could add greater depth to the manuscript. Cashin thanked us for our help, but I wondered if he would use information that was not in the colonial documents or could not be corroborated by colonial documents. The answers turned out to be, not much.

I told Cashin I thought his title, "Guardians of the Valley: Chickasaws in Colonial South Carolina and Georgia," was a bit misleading because it implied that the book is a study of those Chickasaws. If it is, I said, the governors of the colonies of Carolina and Georgia and their subordinates are the book's co-stars. I said the "Chickasaws sometimes get lost for many pages on end in his manuscript," what with all the English correspondence regarding the management of the colonies and their relations with other tribes.

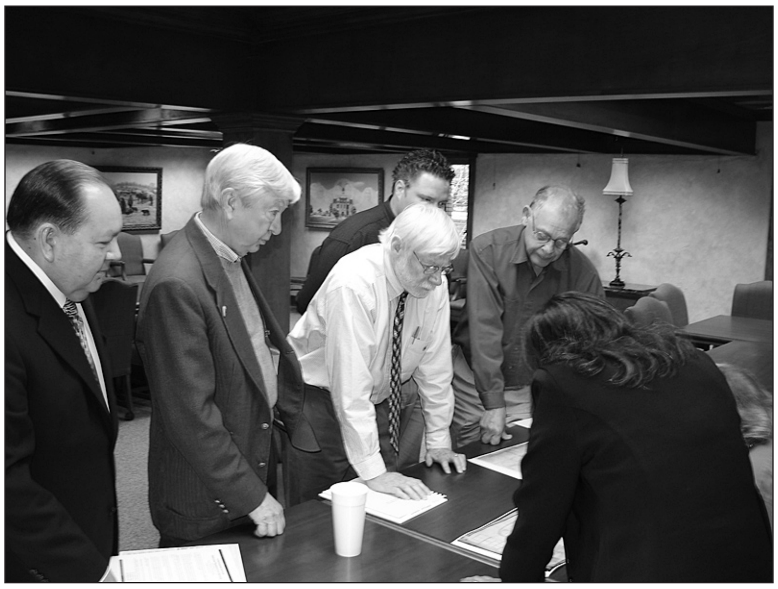
Author Visits Tribe

"This is the problem when sources [about the Chickasaws] are so elusive," Cashin replied. Any historian researching 18th century Indians knows that dilemma. But, if his soliciting comments from the tribe was unexpected, I was surprised and pleased when he called one day and said he wanted to visit Ada and meet with Chickasaws and present readings from his work-in-progress for comment. Could I arrange it?

On March 13, 2006, Cashin made a presentation at Tribal Headquarters. It was attended by about 40 people, including Governor Anoatubby. Several members of the audience asked questions, and judging by those, most in attendance seemed to be unaware of the history of the Savannah River Chickasaws. After his formal presentation, Ed, and his wife, Mary Ann, spent a few days touring the tribe's historical sites and meeting Chickasaws. The visit made a big impression on him, which he referred to in his book published last year by the University of South Carolina Press.

In fact, the preface begins: "You may call me 'Imanoli Afahena.' It's Chickasaw for "one who tells an important story." The title was conferred upon him by the tribal Legislature, in gratitude for sharing the story of the Savannah River Chickasaws. After the Cashins returned to Augusta, Cashin resumed writing his manuscript and directing the Center for the Study of Georgia History, which he founded at Augusta State University.

Cashin finished a draft, which was a diplomatic and military narrative history based on European (mainly British) correspondence. He was getting the manuscript ready to submit for publication when on September 8, 2007, a vessel in his brain ruptured and killed him. Cashin's colleagues at Augusta State University put the finishing touches on the manuscript for his widow, Mary Ann, who later submitted it to the University of South Carolina Press, which put it in their review pipeline and published the book last year.



From left, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Edward J. Cashin, Richard Green, Aaron Long and Robert Perry examine documents Mr. Cashin brought for a 2006 presentation on the Savannah River Chickasaws.

Why the Chickasaws Relocated

Several years ago, when I learned that a group of Chickasaws left the homeland villages near modern-day Tupelo, MS, in the early 1720s to settle in the area that would become Augusta, GA, I wanted to know why. Different reasons were implied by various pieces of English colonial correspondence. A Chickasaw viewpoint was either indirectly conveyed or not included at all in correspondence that was, in any effect, slanted by the writer, according to his own viewpoint. That evidence was interpreted by historians.

Cashin had had the benefit (or handicap) of all of this filtered information as he was writing his book and trying to decide for himself why the Chickasaws relocated. It was possible that the Savannah River Chickasaws were opposed to the continuation of the lengthy (at least two decades) warfare with the French and their Indian allies and exited. Or there was a letter from a Carolina colonial official disparaging these Chickasaws, saying they had been expelled from the homeland by their brethren.

Another possible factor in the relocation is associated with the archaeological evidence literally dug up by Tupelo artifact collectors on a ridgetop overlooking today's Chiwapa Creek. By studying and dating the artifacts, the collectors found that none were made after the early 1720s when French correspondence noted that Choctaw warriors "destroyed" some Chickasaw villages. The collectors hypothesized that the survivors decided to accept the English invitation and were led east by Squirrel King.

While Cashin mentioned the simultaneous events—attacked villages and the English invitation--he didn't follow up on the collectors' evidence and didn't include the speculation in his text, probably because this evidence had not been published by archaeologists.

Ultimately, Cashin favored the theory that the Chickasaws had accepted the English invitation to settle there because their leader Squirrel King had probably visited the area with a Chickasaw delegation in 1717 and liked what he saw. Furthermore, Cashin wrote that these Chickasaws performed "a remarkable record of service to the people they had settled among."

Why would they do that? Cashin speculated that a clue to the Chickasaws' role in the east was their leader's name, Squirrel King. It probably had been regarded mysteriously by historians, but that changed when a discovery was made suggesting that Squirrel King wasn't a name, but a title. Here's the background.

When English official Thomas Nairne visited the Chickasaws for a week in 1708, he wrote letters detailing what he saw and heard from his hosts. The letters weren't discovered in the British Library until the mid-1980s, and then they were published in a book, titled Nairne's Muskhogean Journals. (The researcher who discovered the Nairne letters and published them is Alexander Moore, the acquisitions' editor at the University of South Carolina Press, which coincidentally published Cashin's book last year.)

Of particular interest to Cashin was Nairne's explanation that the fani minko ("squirrel king" in English) was a prominent warrior selected by a "family of a nation to be its protector." Apparently, Squirrel King was not a name but the translation of fani minko, which had a dual meaning--it was the warrior's title and the ceremony that suggested how inter-tribal diplomacy worked. Cashin speculated that the Chickasaw leader, Squirrel King, had assumed the mantle of fani minko to his new neighbors, the English.

Even if Squirrel King was duty bound to protect the English colonists in the area, the Chickasaws received gifts and rewards—in other words, payment for services or inducements to perform services. In 1739, the Carolina Assembly granted a deed to the Chickasaws to land of some 22,774 acres, upon which they had settled near Horse Creek. (The enactment is referred to in another colonial document but the actual legislation is missing, so some have interpreted the Assembly's intent to have been a loan for as long as Chickasaws lived there.)

Were the Chickasaws Mercenaries?

While being paid for military services by another nation suggests a mercenary relationship, Cashin called the notion "simplistic." To the contrary he writes that while the Chickasaws were performing these services, the tribe back home was benefiting because these Savannah River Chickasaws were in position to escort the indispensable supply trains operating from

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Charlestown or Augusta to the homeland. This is certainly plausible and other historians have mentioned this factor as well, but Cashin does not elaborate.

What those Chickasaw services were are chronicled in detail between the 1720s and 1770s by Cashin in his 200 page book. Mainly these involved military attacks against enemies of the English colonies, including hostile tribes and the Spanish. Cashin wrote that the Chickasaws seemed "to relish the fighting." Governor James Oglethorpe of Georgia wrote that the Chickasaws were "a daring, bold people," and 30 of them were "equal to a hundred common men." Their leader, Squirrel king, was a renowned warrior with many kills to his credit, according to Carolina Governor Francis Nicholson. Going much, much further, British official Edmond Atkin wrote that he was reputed "to have killed more Men with his Hands than any other Indian on the continent."

Whew!

What the English did for the Chickasaws is detailed not so much in the colonial narratives but in ledger books. These are lists of trade items and gifts given to the Savannah River Chickasaws. In other words, the English accounts don't say much about Chickasaws, individually or collectively, except to affirm and reaffirm the great service they were performing for the colonies of Carolina, and Georgia--starting in 1732.

As the apparent leader of the Savannah River Chickasaws for 30 years, Squirrel King appears many times in the first half of the book--until his death in about 1755. But these instances are noted by British recorders not interested in revealing personal details. For instance, Squirrel King's death isn't recorded; it is assumed after his name no longer appears in the English correspondence.

Still, as the years go by, changes in his leadership are noted. In 1725, a British official asks the Chickasaws to move to the other side of the (Savannah) river to avoid disturbing the cattle herds on the Carolina side. He told them he liked it where he was and furthermore, the British could not always count on him or the people to be at his beck and call. But by 1745, there was evidence that he was losing some control over the tribe's young warriors. Apparently in an effort to personalize Squirrel King's passing (though we don't know the circumstances), Cashin described a traditional burial ritual included in one of Nairne's 1708 letters.

Successors to Squirrel King

Squirrel King was succeeded, Cashin writes, by Succatoby, who Chickasaw language specialist John Dyson says is likely Sakkaatabi' (he struck him with a tomahawk). He was assisted in some fashion by one known as the "Old Doctor" and Mingo Stoby (perhaps, Dyson says, Ishtabi (he seized him and killed him). Their names dot the narrative in the book's second half, but again with little if any personal details. I note this not as criticism of Cashin but to point out that he was a traditional narrative historian, not prone to speculation or spending time looking for non-documentary evidence. This would include artifacts in the possession of Augusta area collectors and which remains on and under the ground from lengthy Chickasaw occupations on both sides of the river.

The Savannah River Chickasaws lived in the area, Cashin believes, until shortly before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War in 1775, when "they quietly slipped away." In elaborating, Cashin presented a Chickasaw statement that they did not feel "competent to determine the justice or policy of taking an active part on either side." This view was not presented until 1792, and certainly seems at odds with what Cashin called the "remarkable record of service" to the British for more than half a century.

But instead of dwelling on that enigma, Cashin turned to the question of whether or not all of the Chickasaws left the Savannah River area. Those who returned in 1792 to present the tribe's claim to the 22,700 acre reserve that they had been granted by Carolina didn't bolster their case by citing continuous Chickasaw occupation there. (Not surprisingly, the state of South Carolina rejected the claim.)

On the other hand, in 1840, long-time Chickasaw interpreter Malcolm McGee said that Chickasaws were living on or near the old Chickasaw tract then. Furthermore, Cashin met North Augusta, S.C. resident Tony Carr who claimed to be descended from Chickasaws who never left the area. Cashin wrote to me about Carr and I later met and interviewed him. By presenting family records, Carr was certified as one-quarter Native American by the state of South Carolina. He showed Cashin and me records showing his descent from Ellender Neece, who he says was a full-blood Chickasaw born in the area in 1795.

Cashin presents this as scarcely more than a footnote in his book because the records don't prove Carr's links to the Chickasaws or that there was continuous Chickasaw occupation in the area. And it's almost irrelevant in the sense that it wouldn't mark the end of Cashin's book anyway.

In Cashin's epilog, he asks the question: How does the story end? Instead of the depressing summing up in the books by Angie Debo and Arrell Gibson, who wrote that the "Chickasaw Nation's death had been prolonged and painful. It had died a bit at a time." Cashin decided to see for himself, as I indicated earlier.

After he returned to Augusta, we exchanged a few more messages: in one, he said, "As you can tell, I was astounded at the current status of the Nation and think others will be also." His last note ended with what became an especially ironic and poignant reminder: "Don't work too hard, take time to smell the roses."

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Pacific NW Chickasaw Community Council

Greetings fellow Oregon and Washington Chickasaws - Happy Spring!

Our next community council meeting is Saturday, May 22 at 1:30 p.m. (address below) and our guest speaker will be from the Home Ownership Program from our local NAYA Family Center. The speaker will give a brief overview of NAYA and their services/activities and address homeownership programs for Native Americans.

Also, a reminder that this summer marks our one-year anniversary as a new council. The advisory team would like your input on how best to celebrate this crowning milestone achievement. Contact Rena, (503)-543-7401, or Kim, (503) 819-3097 with any suggestions, ideas or questions.

Next Meeting Details:

POTLUCK – Bring Those Wonderful Dishes!

Saturday, May 22 - 1:30-5p.m. - Oak Room Marshall Community Center (Luepke Senior Center)

1009 E. McLoughlin - Vancouver, WA 98660 – (360) 487-7100

2009-2010 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION

Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
March 19, 2010

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Holly Easterling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, Marilyn Coltz, Administrative Assistant, Monette Richardson, Administrative Assistant

Guests present: Michael Watson, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Ron Frazier, Dana Lance, Jeff O'Dell, Tony Choate

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - February 12, 2010

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the minutes of February 12, 2010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2010 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 27-018, No Extension of Sovereign Immunity to Tribally-Owned Corporate Entities

This resolution affirms that the Chickasaw Nation shall incorporate, acquire, or establish an ownership interest in a state-law business entity only for purposes that would require the management of substantive and transactional risk and liabilities by a manner other than invocation of tribal sovereign immunity. Accordingly, this resolution declares that:

(a) tribally owned business entities (including, but not limited to, LLCs, corporations, companies and other formally organized, limited liability structures) properly formed under and managed in accord with state law shall not benefit from the Chickasaw Nation's sovereign immunity from suit, and

(b) notwithstanding such declared limitation, the Chickasaw Nation's ability to invoke its immunity from suit for its own benefit and purposes shall be in no way limited or impaired.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR27-018.

Mr. Scott Colbert stated the resolution was a complicated resolution and little time was spent reviewing it. Mrs. Alexander stated she was not in favor of the resolution.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to table GR27-018. Chairperson Easterling stated this resolution clarified and defined the resolutions which were previously approved regarding the racetracks. Mrs. Alexander stated this was a blanket policy and not geared toward any specific entity.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Colbert to table GR27-018.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Scott Colbert

3 yes votes

Members voting no: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

9 no votes

Member abstaining: Shana Hammond

1 abstention

The motion to table GR27-018 failed.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-018.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

8 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

2 no votes

Members abstaining: Scott Colbert, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

3 abstentions

The motion to approve GR27-018 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number GR27-016, Approval of Development Budget Amendment (Ardmore Health Center Replacement)

The expanding service population far exceeds the existing capabilities of the current facility to provide adequate health services for the Indian population. A new and expanded health center facility is needed to provide the anticipated health service needs of our Indian community.

The selection of the Chickasaw Nation to participate in the IHS Joint Venture Construction program provides the opportunity to generate IHS resources to operate the new facility with the Nation providing the design, construction and equipment funding.

The project will include the renovation of the existing facility as well as an addition of new space. The new clinic space will be adjacent to the existing health center. The renovated and expanded clinic will complement the other existing tribal facilities on the site, further developing the Ardmore campus.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Ardmore Health Center Replacement, JVCP, Project Number CNHS-1002 in the amount of $32,400,000.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR27-016.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-016 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 27-017, Resolution Granting Approval of Application for Funding for the Reentry Mentoring Initiative (RMI)

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the Bureau of Justice Administration to recruit, train and incorporate Chickasaw mentors into the present Program Operations reentry program. Mentoring will begin during the mentee's incarceration, and will continue through the mentee's post-release transition back into the community. The initiative will also include transitional services, such as case management, transitional residential housing, life/parenting skills training and job readiness training. The grant will focus on, but will not be limited to, female adult offenders who are over 18 years old. This grant serves Native Americans.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR27-017.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-017 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Watson commented on per capita payments, Ardmore Health Clinic issues, and Saturday Legislative Sessions.

Announcements were made regarding the Johnson O' Malley conference in Tulsa, the ribbon cutting on April 19 for the new Legislative and Judicial buildings, and the Community Council meetings in Texas.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Briggs, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

APRIL 2010 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 27-019

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

(Paoli Travel Plaza and Gaming Center)

Explanation: This resolution amends the Development Budget to construct a 16,000 square foot facility in Paoli to house the Travel Plaza and Gaming Center. The project will include the expansion of the necessary infrastructure to support the facility by adding a sewer force main(s) and sewer lines connecting the planned facility to the city of Paoli's sewer system. The total project cost will be $5,450,000.00.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-020

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors Of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC

Mr. Brian Gabbard

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Gabbard to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, to fill an unexpired term of office ending on March 1, 2013. Mr Gabbard will fill a seat vacated by Brian Campbell. Mr. Gabbard's Vita is attached hereto.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution 27-021

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors Of RSE Enterprises, Inc.

Mr. Brian Gabbard

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Gabbard to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Gabbard will fill a three-year unexpired term of office ending on March 1, 2013. Mr Gabbard's Vita is attached hereto.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number GR27-022

Application for the U.S. Department of Justice Geospatial Technology Grant

Explanation: The fiscal year 2011 cycle of Geospatial Technology Solicitation grants has been released. An award in the amount of $439,069 is available without any matching requirement. The grant would provide funding for mobile mapping and field collection capability built into the computer-aided dispatch process and field response. Currently jurisdictional questions arise on the scene of a crime creating confusion as to which agency has proper authority to apply needed police service (effect an arrest, take a report, respond to a crime, etc.). This new technology will allow Lighthorse officers to determine jurisdictional boundaries between multiple overlapping agencies when deployed in the field increasing the effectiveness and responsiveness of tribal law enforcement.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-023

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, described as:

"A strip 12 feet wide and 100 feet long, fronting 12 feet on Capitol Avenue lying North of and adjoining Lot 1 in Block 109 in the Town of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, and being the same strip of land donated to R.W. Smith by the Town of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, and Lots 1 and 2 and the North 5 feet of Lot 3 in Block 109 in the Town of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, LESS AND EXCEPT that part of Lots 1, 2 and the North 5 feet of Lot 3 in Block 109 of the Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, State of Oklahoma, according to the original survey and plat thereof, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Lot 1 lying 95.37 feet Westerly from the Northeast corner of said Lot 1; thence Southerly at a right angle 55.00 feet; thence Westerly on a line parallel to said North line of said Lot 1 a distance of 77.63 feet to the point on the East line of Mickle Avenue; thence Northerly along said line a distance of 37.28 feet to a point lying on the Southerly railroad right-of-way (abandoned); thence Northeasterly along said line a distance of 39.23 feet to a point on the North line of said Lot 1; thence Easterly along said line a distance of 42.63 feet to the Point of Beginning."

Property Location: Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma
Use: Addition to Capitol properties
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-024

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, described as:

"The East 70 feet of lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 173, City of Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma."

Property Location: Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma
Use: Additional to Artesian Property
Purpose: Self-determination
Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Permanent Resolution Number 27-004

Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Eligibility to Vote, Application for Registration)

Explanation: This resolution amends Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding voter eligibility. The new language will require new Chickasaw voters to have previously been issued a tribal citizenship card. The resolution was received by the Legislative office on March 31, one day before the deadline provided by Paragraph 16-205.B.2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

If this resolution is adopted, the new paragraph would read as follows:

"SECTION 8-301 ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE, APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

B. The Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar shall compare the completed voter registration application with the Nation's citizenship database to determine eligibility. A Chickasaw descendant (traced from names that appear on the Final Dawes Rolls) who is registered to vote with another Indian tribe is ineligible to register as a Chickasaw Voter unless he terminates his voting rights with that tribe and provides official evidence of that termination. To become a registered Voter of the Nation, an applicant must:

1. be eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
2. have been issued an official Chickasaw Nation citizenship card as reflected in the Chickasaw Nation citizenship database"

Presented By: Election Rules and Procedures Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

No votes: Beth Alexander

Abstain: Katie Case

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole

April 12, 2010

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, May Jo Green, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Absent: Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Education Committee

April 5, 2010

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Shana Hammond, Holly Easterling

Election Rules & Regulation Ad Hoc Committee

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Present: Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Holly Easterling

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert

Finance Committee

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Present: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert Nancy Elliott, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Absent: Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Health Care Committee

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Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Holly Eastlerling

Human Resources Committee

April 5, 2010

Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Holly Easterling

Absent: Scott Colbert

Land Development Committee

April 5, 2010

Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Legislative Committee

April 5, 2010

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

April 12, 2010

Present: Scott Colbert, Beth Alexander, Nancy Elliott, Holly Easterling

Absent: Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Raymond Richard Ebisch

Raymond Richard Ebisch, 79, of Lawton, Okla., died March 5, 2010 at lawton. A private family service will be conducted at a later date at Highland Cemetery, Lawton.

Mr. Ebisch was born Sept. 1, 1930 at Lawton, to C.A. Frederick and Clotilde (Millican) Ebisch. He was the great-great-grandson of the late Smith and Ella Teacha Paul, formerly of Pauls Valley, Okla., and the grandson of original enrollee the late Mattie Paul.

He grew up in Lawton and attended St. Mary's Catholic School. He graduated from Lawton High School and attended Cameron College.

He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He worked in the family dry cleaning business for many years and was a heavy equipment operator for the roads department in Grandfield, Okla., until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Fredrick and Robert; and a granddaughter, Erin Morrison.

He is survived by three daughters, Pam Morrison, of Lawton, Lisa Kay Harris and husband, Doyle, of Dallas, and Teresa Kirkendall and husband, Richard, of Lima, Ohio; five sisters, Mildred Brown and husband, Dick, of Ames, Iowa, Marie Southern and husband, Bill, of Two Rivers, Wis., Carol Sue Ebisch, of Ninnekah, Okla., and O'Rhetta Lee Ebisch, of Lawton; a brother, Paul Ebisch and wife, Vicki, of Mt. Vernon, Mo.; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Ebisch had a beautiful smile and love in his heart for his family and friends. He will be truly missed.

Condolences may be sent to www.grayfuneral.com

Wanda Pauline Attaway

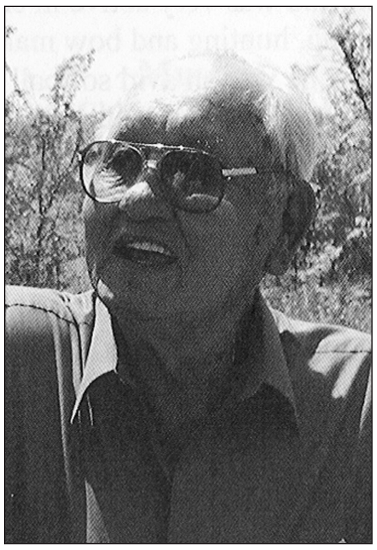
Wanda Pauline Attaway, 78, of Fort Mohave, Ariz., died March 23, 2010. Services were Marcy 27 at Fort Mohave, with the Arizona Rebekah Lodge officiating. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge for 50 years and served as past president for the state of Arizona.

Mrs. Attaway was born Feb. 15, 1932 at Checotah, Okla., to Gladys Wilson Berry and Jack Berry. She moved to Arizona in 1935 and lived in Fort Mohave for 36 years. She married Jack Attaway in 1949 and raised four children. She was a retired bookkeeper.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and three sisters.

She is survived by her son, Micheal Attaway, of Denver; daughters, Vicki Attaway, of Blythe, Calif., Jackie Attaway and Debra Field, both of Fort Mohave; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Jack Berry, of Tyler, Texas; and two sisters, Frances Laughlin, of Coolidge, Ariz., and Joyce Dawson, of Lynwood, Wash.

Rev. Charlie Carter



Rev. Charlie Carter, 77, of Connerville, Okla., died Feb. 20, 2010. Services were Feb. 26 at Temple of God, Connerville, with Brother Randy Wade and Brother Tony Poe officiating. Interment was in Seeley-Blue Cemetery, Connerville.

Mr. Carter was born March 23, 1932 at Mill Creek, Okla., to Watson and Frances Wisdom Carter. He attended school at Bellwood (OK) and Pontotoc (OK).

He married Pearline Alexander and was a minister for many years and was active in church.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and bow making. In his younger days he was an avid softball player.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Pearline; and two sisters, Erie Cravatt and Wanda Wagon.

He is survived by two daughters, Charlene Benson and Lorene Johnson; a son, David Fort; two sisters, Minnie Gipson and Vinola Brown; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; other relatives; and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Byars Baken, Daniel Columbus, Stanley Factor, Rick Robertson, Steve Robertson, Watson Wagon.

Honorary pallbearers were David Alxander, Allen Beck, J.C. Poe, Vernon Factor, Terry Wagon and Troy Arterberry.

Norma Phaye Orr Duckett

Norma "Phaye" Orr Duckett, 93, of Norman, Okla., died Feb. 3, 2010 at her home. Graveside services were Feb. 5 at Washington Cemetery, Washington, Okla., with Rev. Ken Huddleston officiating.

She was born June 2, 1916 at McMillan, Okla., as the youngest of three children to Newt and Millie McMillan original enrollee.

At the age of 22 she married Alvis Duckett in 1938 and moved to Washington. She gave birth to twin girls in 1941, Amelia Duckett Campbell and Cecilia Duckett Campbell. She learned to sew at a young age making clothes for her dolls and later for herself. She made most of the twins clothing including the popular "poodle skirts". She worked for many years at Harold's located in Norman doing alterations. She deeply enjoyed her work and continued to make doll clothes, adorable Halloween costumes and beautiful Christmas stockings by hand for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Duckett's family was in the farming business and was fortunate that their success as farmers allowed them to be among those who experienced many first of their times. Mrs. Duckett and her sister Jewell and brother Weldon, took pride in being the first family in their town to own a washing machine and later an automobile. She enjoyed preparing large, delicious lunches and dinners for the many farm hands that worked for her father. She learned to cook family favorite recipes. Her daughters enjoyed the scrumptious childhood treats like homemade cream puffs, potato chips and cheese crackers. She enjoyed canning and preserving fruits and vegetables. Her granddaughter Candi and great-granddaughter Murri carry on her love of cooking and sewing.

Her twin girls met and married twin brothers, Vernon and Billy Campbell. She enjoyed the novelty of the two sets of twins, and of having two handsome son-in-laws. She was proud to become "Nana" to Stann and Candi and even more thrilled when her great-grandchildren, Cade and Murri were born. After retiring from Harold's in 1987 she enjoyed baby sitting her great-grandchildren, reading to them and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alvis; her brother, Weldon; her sister, Jewell; and son-in-law, Vernon L. Campbell.

She is survived by her daughters, Amelia and husband, William L. "Billy" Campbell, and Cecilia; grandchildren Stann Campbell and Candi Campbell England; great-grandchildren, Cade Walker Campbell and Murri Guy Ann England; sister-in-law, Nona Duckett Stanley; ciences Carleta Little and Amy Stanley Inniss; and several great-nieces and great-nephes.

Enna Jean Norton Heisler

Enna Jean Norton Heisler, 79, died March 21, 2010 at Mercy Memorial Health Center, Ardmore, Okla., following an extended illness. Services were March 26, 2010 at the Centennial Chapel of Harvey-Douglas Funeral Homee and Crematory with Rev. Buddy Jackson officiating. Cremation followed.

Mrs. Heisler was born March 10, 1931 at Teller, Okla., to the late Jess Melton and Eva B. (Hughes) Norton.

Mrs. Heisler was a nurse with Olsten Home Health and a beauty operator while living in Tishomingo, Okla. She moved to Ardmore and was a beauty operator at Hair Pizazz and worked with Cross Timbers Hospice. She was a member and elder of the Chickasaw Nation and was very proud of her Native American heritage.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Juanita Holey; and two brothers, Fred Norton and Irvin Norton.

She is survived by a son, Richard Heisler, Jr., of Bossier City, La.; a brother, Charles Norton, of Madill, Okla.; two sisters, Ruby Palmer, of Oklahoma City and Lorene Newfield, of Wynnewood, Okla.; a ganddaughter, Bridget Worley; a great-grandson; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Condolences may be left at www.hdouglasfuneralhome.com

Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the acts of kindness that was given to the family of Charlie Carter through all the prayers, flowers, food and donations. The family would also like to thank Clark Funeral Service for the wonderful service.

Also the Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel for attending the service and Beth Alexander and Katie Case for their support.

Thanks to Connerville Senior Site for preparing the food and allowing us to use the facility.

Family of Charlie Carter

Inata Diann Evans

Inata Diann Evans, 42, died April 11, 2010 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were April 14 at Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel with the Rev. Roy Jordan officiating. Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery.

Miss Evans was born Aug. 27, 1967 at Oklahoma City, to L.B. Evans and Juanita Holden Evans.

She was preceded in death by her father; a sister; and a brother.

She is survived by her mother, Juanita Evans, of Ardmore; four sisters; and a brother.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Roy William McSweeney

Graveside services for Roy William McSweeney were March 23, 2010 at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 15, 1929 at Bakersfield, Calif.

He was the son of the late Flora Juanita Hull McSweeney and the grandson of the late Sippi Hull

Mr. McSweeney served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy from 1950 - 1954. He worked for Mobil Oil and retired as gauger supervisor after 40 years.

He spent 70 plus years in Bakersfield. Known for his musical talents he spread joy through his music as the drummer for The Country Gentlemen. He continued to work after his retirement for his son's business McSweeney Electric just to keep busy. In the electrical field he was fondly known as "Smokey" a nickname given to him by the employees.

He was a man of high hopes and an inspiration to all that met him. His passing will leave a hole in the hearts of all his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carol McSweeney; sister, Joy Wells; two children, daughter, Susan and husband, Curt Elrich and son, Roy F. and wife, Wendy McSweeney; and nephew, Micheal Wells; five grandchildren, Crystal and husband David Arredondo, Amy and husband A.J. Lowery, Alyssa Pecarovich and fiancé Jacob Talbert, Roy W. II and Kenneth McSweeney; three great grandchildren, Kiera and Mattea Arredondo and Adam Lowery.

Teata Schroeder

Teata Schroeder, of Fort Worth, Texas died Dec. 30, 2009 at home after a long illness surrounded by her loving and devoted family. Services were Jan. 9, 2010 at Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Chapel, Fort Worth. Interment followed in Ravia Cemetery, Ravia, Okla.

She was born April 26, 1932 at Ravia, to Homer and original enrollee Babe Benson. She was the granddaughter of original enrollee Ella Brown Colley.

She married Robert Schroeder June 3, 1966 at Miami, Okla. That began a wonderful marriage of 43 years.

She was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage and in recent years spent much time in genealogy research on her family. She has a public record of her work on Ancestry.com

Mrs. Schroeder was very proud of her role as a foster parent to over 30 foster children and her development as an artist and art instructor. She was a wonderful homemaker and loved flower gardening and arranging. She was seen by her family and friends as a constant source of love, compassion and strength. Her wonderful smile was her hallmark and it never faded.

She was preceded in death by her father, Homer, on Jan. 26, 1987; mother, Babe, May 23, 2001; sister, Louella, Aug. 20, 1956; and brother, Everett, Jan. 28, 1991.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Robert; daughter, Debbie Ann and husband, Teddy Kincannon; son, Michael Harrison and wife, Laurie; daughter, Lisa Michelle and husband, Roger McFadden; grandson, Michael Jai Schroeder and wife, April; brothers, Jerome, of Chula Vista, Calif., Bill, of Connerville, Okla., and Frank, of Little City, Okla; and many nieces and nephews.

Michele Lea Curry

Michele Lea Curry, 26, of Porum, Okla., died March 15, 2010. Services were March 19, at Mallory Chapel, Stigler, Okla., with Dan Hughey officiating. Burial will follow in Coleman Cemetery, Porum.

Miss Curry was born Jan. 16, 1984 at Muskogee, Okla., to Rick and Penny (Martin) Curry.

She was employed at McDonald's in Stigler, Okla.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Tracy Megan Curry.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Penny and Jimmy Anderson, of Porum; her father, Rick Curry and Sandra Arnold, of Welch, Okla.; grandmother and step-grandfather, Ruth Ann and Harry Knickle, of Calera; grandfather, Terry Martin Sr., of Eastman, Ga.; great-grandmother, Ruth Snyder, of Porum; half-sister, Sondra Cherry, of Tulsa; half-brother, Rodger Curry, of Tulsa; uncles, Terry Martin Jr., of Porum and Billy Jones; and aunt, Sallie Jones, of Tulsa.

Pallbearers were Harry Knickle, Billy Jones, Terry Martin Sr., Jimmy Anderson, Terry Martin Jr., and Butch Justice.

Ivan Louis Wagon

Ivan Louis Wagon died April 8, 2010 at Lander, Wyo. Services were April 15, 2010 at Rocky Mountain Hall, Fort Washakie, Wyo., with Rev. Don Nemec officiating. Interment followed in Sacajewea Cemetery, Fort Washakie.

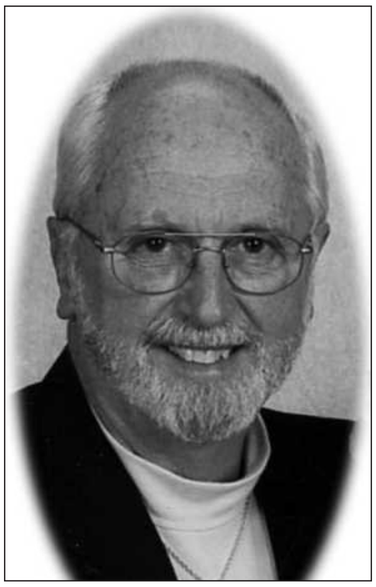
Mr. Wagon was born Dec. 12, 1939 at Fort Washakie.

He is survived by a brother, Robert Alberson, of Stratford, Okla; and sisters, Myrtle Riley, of Fort Washkie, Vera Martin, of Minnesota, Mildred Alberson, of Montana and Leona Alberson, of Utah; children, Terry Wagon, Angie (Wagon) Lewis, Watson Wagon, and Elaine (Wagon) Byars.

Pall bearers were Gary Chingman, Wade LeBeau, William Wagon, Calvin Pingree, Robert Alberson and Clinton Wagon.

Honorary pallbearers were Allen, Jim, Daniel and Chris.

Norman Gene Gooding



Norman Gene Gooding died April 23, 2010 at his home in Calera, Okla., after battling multiple complications from cancer. Celebration services were April 26 at Calvary Baptist Church and graveside services were at Hillcrest Cemetery, Ardmore. Ministers officiating include Don Clark, Robert Griffin, Darrel Bunch, Jacob Toews, Malon Ward and Jim Branch.

Mr. Gooding was born July 12, 1933 at Wilson, Okla., to C.A. (Buddy) and Edna Mae Hayward Goodin.

He graduated from Wilson High School in 1952 and married classmate Cheryl Ruth Porterfield on Aug. 9, 1953 at Wilson. They had a daughter, Sheri Jean and husband, Joe Ortega, of Houston; and sons, Marshall Lane, of Durant, Okla., and Miles Porterfield and wife, Karen, of Calera. Grandchildren: Nikki Lane Gooding Sterling and husband, David of Edmond, Okla.; Cody Lane Gooding of Denver, Colo.; Danielle Ortega Syzdek and husband, Nick of Florida; Andrea Ortega, of Houston; Karena Taylor, of Colbert, Okla.; Kolby Taylor, of Allen, Okla.; and extended family, Jacob, Sharon, Nathaniel, Christian, Rachel and Hudson Toews of Calera. great-grandchildren, Alex Christopher Sterling, Devin Jonavon Cervantes, Madison Grace Syzdek, and Noah Arrington Taylor.

Mr. Gooding always worked beginning with the hayfields, crop dusting and construction work in his teenage years. He played football and baseball at Wilson High School. After he married, the Goodings moved to California until he was called into the U.S. Army where he served his country from 1954 to 1956 at Camp Chafee, Ark., and Ft. Lewis, Washington, stateside Korean Conflict. After his service to his country he began working for Halliburton and lived in Kentucky, Illinois and New Mexico. He then attended barber school and became a part owner of a barbershop in Ardmore, Okla.

It was there he received his call from the Lord to lead music and youth in SBC churches. His ministry included: Rexroat Baptist Church, Wilson; First Baptist Church, Marietta; First Baptist Church, Yukon; Texhoma Baptist Church, Buncomb Creek; and 11 years at Calvary Baptist Church, Durant. Later he helped charter and build Cross Roads Baptist Church in Kingston. Norman was a member of the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma.

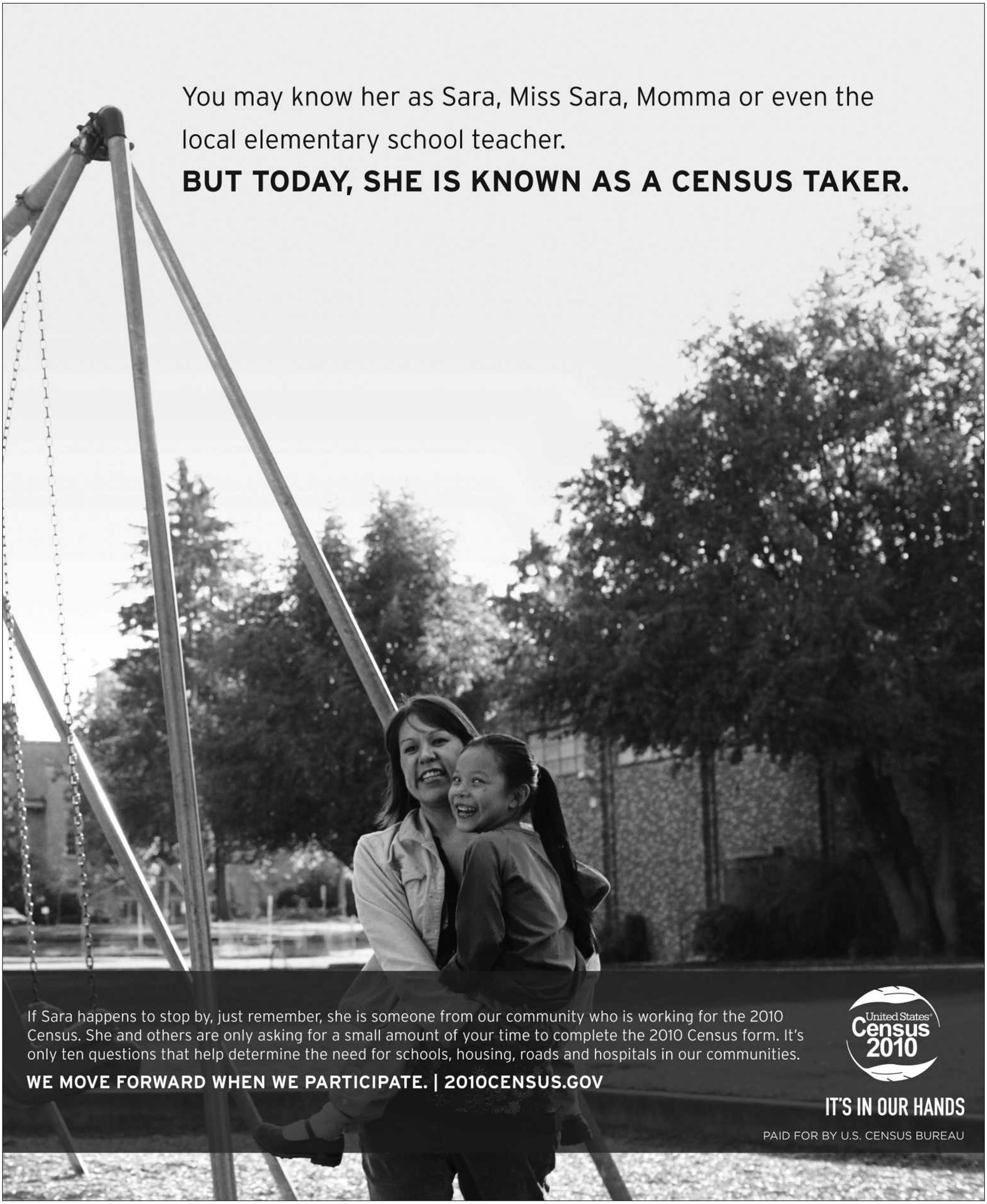
After retiring, Norman began riding his motorcycle and serving in the prison ministries for Bill Glass Champions of Life and the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA). He helped organize a chapter of CMA in Madill, called "Emmanuel Riders". In later years, Norman traveled on his motorcycle to most of the states and Canada as a witness for Jesus which was a real joy to him. He and Cheryl also served at the chapel at Gainesville Youth Prison.

Norman's passion was helping all of "His Kids" learn to serve the Lord in their chosen field. Many are currently serving in all capacities of life for the Lord. Music, mission trips and taking the senior adults and youth on outings was a joy and he always had great sponsors to help.

For the past four years, he dedicated his energy to helping build the Calvary Falls Creek cabin at Davis. It thrilled him to see young people's lives changed by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He wanted the great experiences to be shared by all who attended Falls Creek.

He loved his family and wanted to know that they would meet him in heaven. His prayer was for all to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Sons and grandsons will serve as Pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers include CMA riders, Calvary kids, others he led in ministry and youth, and special friend Jim Copeland. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Calvary Baptist Falls Creek Cabin fund 715 W Louisiana Durant, OK 74701 or the Christian Motorcycle Association. PO Box 9, Hatfield, AR 71945



You may know her as Sara, Miss Sara, Momma or even the local elementary school teacher.

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